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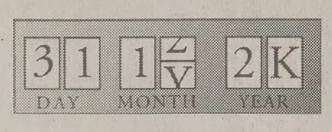

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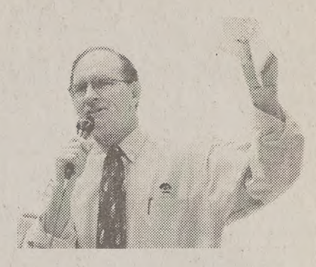

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ski resorts ready for avalanche of snow lovers

ski resorts nd facilities ease skiers

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now may have slowed n, but local ski resorts g back this season.

ski industry has sunk $50 improvements for the season in an attempt to h other states and prepare Olympics.

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as also increased its ski-rrain by 25 percent with of Mineral Basin, a bowl past two years has been owcat tours.

"It looks like someone took a big empty cereal bowl and covered it with milk," said Kristine Fish, communications assistant for Snowbird.

"It's 500 acres. It's mostly tree lift terrain, with barely any trees. It's just a big huge powder bowl," she said.

Fish also said that the bowl is beginner-friendly, offering not just runs for expert or intermediate skiers, but for beginners as well.

Although the bowl was scheduled to open Nov. 20, Snowbird, like other Utah resorts, suffers from lack of snow, and Mineral Basin remains untouched so far this year. Fish said that the bowl would open as soon as there is enough snow to cover its rugged rocks and make it safer for skiers and boarders.

To give Mother Nature a hand, several Utah resorts use snowmaking machines. Sundance, for example, decided this year to introduce a snowmaking system to cover 20 percent of its terrain and guarantee an earlier opening, according to Ski Utah's Web site at www.skiutah.com.

The Web site reports other resorts making significant additions, including Deer Valley with three new chairlifts and three new ski runs, as well as a new day lodge and a "family area."

Park City Mountain Resort invested $9 million in improvements last year, including a fourth high speed six-passenger lift. This year the resort will put up $12 million more for projects including a new Legacy Lodge at the base of the mountain and a new lift accessed tubing park called Gorgoza Park.

The extensive remodeling and expansion projects are not necessarily in direct preparation for the 2002 Winter Olympics, said Nathan Rafferty, director of communications for Ski Utah.

"It's an indirect association. Even areas like The Canyons that aren't hosting any Olympic events are making improvements because they know that there will be media exposure come 2002," he said.

Rafferty said that other reasons for expansion include Utah's growing popularity as out-of-state skiers begin exploring places other than Colorado and California. Over the past several years, Utah has increasingly offered these tourists an improved infrastructure including new lifts, lodges, roads and parking lots, Rafferty said.

From the student perspective, improvements are welcome but other criteria influence decisions about where to ski. Three avid skier-students interviewed independently all came to the same conclusion.

"Alta. For college kids, it's got the best price, the best snow, the best terrain," said Dan Lear, a sophomore from Salt Lake City majoring in social work.

Utah provides snowboarders dreamy terrain

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While few local slope riders disagree with the "Greatest Snow On Earth" appellation stamped into Utah license plates, snowboarders have some definite views about which local resorts are best for carving the state's stellar snow.

Many boarders say Brighton is the area's premier snowboarding center because it allows boarders of all styles and abilities room to shred. But many also say Brighton's strengths can be a two-edged sword. Joe Piche, owner of Joe's Board Shop, 600 N. State, Orem, says Brighton's accommodation of snowboarders often attracts too many patrons.

"Brighton totally caters to snowboarders," Piche said. "But they get totally crowded too. That is why I do not go there as much anymore."

However, Dan Malstrom, director of marketing for Brighton, says crowding is not a problem unless there is a lack of snow, and the resort cannot open all 65 of its runs.

"When everything is open, there is not much of a wait at all," Malstrom said. "In fact, I have never had to wait more than about five minutes to get on a lift here."

Boarders disagree over which slopes offer the best terrain. But not too many argue with Utah's claim to fame: the "Greatest Snow On Earth." The Utah ski industry invested $50 million to improve its facilities for the 1999/2000 season.

photos courtesy of Snowbird

According to Todd Mitchell, salesman at Milosport, 335 E. 1300 South, Orem, when it comes to favorite local spots, boarders usually seek a nice balance between quality terrain and convenience. When convenience wins over Utah Valley riders, it is usually in favor of Sundance.

"I like Sundance a lot because it is so close," Mitchell said.

Piche agreed.

"Sundance is really a great place because it is only 15 minutes away," Piche said.

Dave Hoagland, a sophomore from Orem, rides the line between Brighton and Sundance.

"I usually snowboard at Brighton or Sundance," Hoagland said. "Brighton has a little bit better terrain, with its board parks and everything, but Sundance is more convenient and less expensive than a lot of the bigger resorts."

Hoagland also said a lot of the crowding associated with Brighton can be avoided by surfing its slopes on weekdays instead of weekends.

When quality takes precedence over convenience, however, Piche and Mitchell — who both board more than 80 days a year — give Snowbird their votes.

"Snowbird is my favorite because it has massive terrain," Piche said. "It has everything you can do, whether you are a beginner or the ultimate, insane professional."

According to Kristy Fish, public relations worker for Snowbird, the resort's all-ages, all-abilities snowboard competitions also offer a unique attraction to local snowboarders.

Jenn Parrish/Daily Universe

Leavitt sits with his wife at Utah's Best emony Oct. 26. By decreasing payment on transportation debt, Leavitt plans to increase education funding by $114 per student next year.

Leavitt calls for boost in education funding

By RUSS HILL
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Utah's children could earn more allowance next year if Gov. Mike Leavitt has his way.

Leavitt unveiled a proposal Wednesday to increase state education funding by $114 per student.

The governor volunteered details of his much-anticipated education budget Wednesday afternoon at Rose Park Elementary School. The governor proposed a 7.4 percent increase in school funding over last year. Leavitt said it is time the state took care of its children.

"This budget would mean more supplies, more teachers, more books," Leavitt said.

He is proposing a decrease in the amount of money spent on the transportation debts to allocate more for education. Utah's total education budget is $1.64 billion.

When the governor concluded his comments at Rose Park Elementary, teachers immediately poured out praise.

"We couldn't be happier. But it's now up to the legislature, and they need to do their part," said teacher Diane Crim.

Phyllis Sorenson, president of the Utah Education Association, said educators are finally getting the money that they need to do a good job.

"What Utah teachers cannot take is a 10-year booster shot," Sorenson said. "We can't wait for a shot every 10 years where we get this big infusion of money, and then it just disappears."

Utah teachers have lobbied state lawmakers for years to increase the amount of cash spent on students. The state typically comes in last place in national per-pupil spending ratings.

The governor's recommendations are just that, recommendations. Whether state lawmakers will agree with the large numbers Leavitt is suggesting is yet to be seen.

"I believe it will be tough. I am hoping that my legislators are listening and that they will hear the words of their constituents," said state Sen. Karen Hale. Hale said she is concerned that if the legislative session in January turns into a contest between Republican lawmakers who want to run against Leavitt for governor, Utah's students may be forgotten.

In addition to providing more money for schools, Leavitt said his education proposal will also demand more accountability from teachers and parents.

"Accountability is responsibility," Leavitt said.

"There is a chain of responsibility that links students, parents, teachers, principals, elected school boards, and voters," he said.

The governor was not specific on what those accountability requirements will be. Lawmakers will likely debate that in January. For now, educators say they are just glad to see the governor join their call for more money.

"We might finally be able to allow all students to take home their textbooks at night, instead of leaving them for the next class to use," Sorenson said.

naways rounded up

Associated Press

AKE CITY — All eight llegedly assaulted their and fled a wilderness py program have been p with the surrender of the final two run-

ty Sheriff David Benson f the boys tried to flag on-Pacific freight train at nesday near Cedar City, miles south of Salt Lake

was picked up by another l train and delivered to e led authorities to his who was suffering from ia and dehydration and alk.

boys joined five others t a juvenile detention cen-r City. An eighth boy is 140 miles away in Ely, e he had hitched a ride er.

d all eight boys, ages 14 be charged with felony aggravated assault, simple assault and theft of a two-way radio.

Their counselors were jumped without warning while standing around a campfire after breakfast Saturday.

"They were just on top of me," said Kirk Stock, 23, who was beaten with sticks and bound with duct tape.

"At first I thought they were wrestling," said Sunshine Fuller, 22, who was tied to a tree.

Unable to talk the boys out of fleeing, the counselors suggested they take food and water. Stock and Fuller were able to cut themselves loose with his pocket knife. But they had to hike for two hours to reach another group of campers and radio for help.

The fugitive boys had a week to six weeks of survival training before bolting into the mile-high desert of southwest Utah.

Steve Peterson, RedCliff executive program director, said the last two runaways were caught about 25 miles southeast of where the counselors had been tied up, and less than 15 miles from the Circle Four hog farm where one youth surrendered Monday.

Y's police chief retires, leaves peace-keeping legacy

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After 38 years of service at BYU, the University Police chief has announced his retirement.

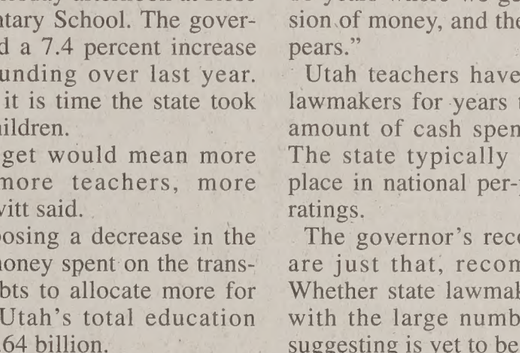
In all his years, Robert W. Kelshaw has worked hard to establish a safe environment for students and staff at BYU.

"I take my job very personally," Kelshaw said. "I like to look at and treat each student as if they could be my own son or daughter."

Kelshaw said when he was first appointed chief in February 1974, he was very concerned about the rising crime rate on campus. One major goal of his administration was to decrease that crime.

"I felt that we had not addressed or targeted specific goals and objectives to reduce the increasing crime," Kelshaw said.

In cooperation with university administrators, Kelshaw and his staff have been responsible for making some major improvements to make campus safer including the installation of emergency phones and the addition of streetlights, especially around the perimeter of campus.



ROBERT KELSHAW

"Since that time, crime on campus has shown a steady decline. I am very proud of our staff for that accomplishment," Kelshaw said.

Kelshaw came to BYU in 1961 as a first-year student officer. In June 1962 he was extended a full-time position and he has been a permanent fixture at BYU ever since.

Throughout the years, Kelshaw has had the opportunity to visit and apply for positions at other institutions, but he said no other university could measure up to his experience at BYU.

"As I went around and visited other institutions, I could not find another place that could compare in any way to what we have here. The cleanliness of the buildings, well groomed landscape, the family togetherness atmosphere of the students, staff and faculty is outstanding," Kelshaw said.

He said the university hopes to find a new chief by the end of December, and he intends to spend as much time as needed to ease the transition for the new police chief.

"I don't want to lose the momentum that we've made over the past 38 years. I want to leave with full intent that the department will continue to excel," Kelshaw said.

Kelshaw said the pressures of law enforcement can really take a toll on a person and he hopes to retire while he can still enjoy his life.

"My wife and I like the idea of enjoying the remainder of our years. I look forward to staying at home on our seven-acre ranch with our 18 llamas, five miniature horses and 30 ducks."

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

9-year-old boy hides mom's death

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A 9-year-old boy lived for a month with his mother's corpse, too afraid to tell anyone she was dead because he feared being placed in foster care.

Travis Butler cut his hair, fixed meals — mainly frozen pizza, cereal and soup — and went to school every day from the time he said his mother died Nov. 3 until her body was discovered Monday.

Police have not released a cause of death for Crystal Wells, 30, but said foul play is not suspected. Dorothy Jeffries, a family friend, said Wells suffered various health problems, including high blood pressure.

Jeffries and her husband, Nathaniel, found the body when they went to the East Memphis apartment after they were unable to contact her.

When they arrived, Travis answered the door.

"At first he said his mother was at work and wouldn't let us inside," said Jeffries. "When we kept asking he finally just broke down and said, `Mama can't talk anymore because she got really sick and I think she is dead.'"

She said Travis begged them not to call police because he was afraid of being placed in a foster home.

Blind man attempts bank robbery

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A blind man tried to rob a bank as a security guard who helped him to the teller's window stood nearby, police say.

Bruce Edward Hall, 48, entered the bank Tuesday, accepted the guard's help, then gave a teller a note demanding money, police said. The teller mouthed, "It's a robbery" to a guard, then gave Hall some money.

The guards stopped him as he walked away.

"It was the wildest thing," bank spokeswoman Kim Cherry said. Hall was not carrying a weapon. He was charged with robbery.

New study says planets relocated

Scientists say they may have solved a far-out mystery: how Uranus and Neptune came to exist at the very edge of the solar system.

A new study says the two icy planets may have been born much closer to the sun than previously thought, and ended up in their current orbits after gravitational forces from Jupiter violently hurled them away.

That would explain how the two planetary giants — each more than 10 times the mass of the Earth — could exist at the far edge of the solar system, where there was not enough gas and dust to make a planet eons ago.

The study is based on computer simulations conducted by Martin Duncan of Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and colleagues. It was published in today's issue of the journal Nature.

All of the planets in the solar system are believed to have evolved through the accumulation of a large number of small bodies that circulated in a huge disk around the sun.

Christmas inspires racism apology

LEVITTOWN, Pa. — It took 42 years, but Levittown made Daisy Myers feel welcome.

In 1957, Mrs. Myers and her husband, Bill, became the first black couple to buy a house in Levittown, a planned community by developer William J. Levitt.

Weeks of harassment, protests and death threats followed. When local police failed to stop the angry mob, the governor ordered state police into the neighborhood.

Tuesday night, Bristol Township Mayor Sam Fenton apologized to Mrs. Myers to the cheers of more than 300 residents.

"She endured the worst kind of humiliation — racism. For that we are truly sorry," Fenton said.

Mrs. Myers, 74, and her daughter, Lynda, lit the Christmas tree in Bristol Township, which is part of Levittown.

"This is the happiest, merriest Christmas I can remember," Mrs. Myers said later at a reception.

Weather

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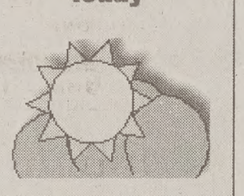

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Friday

Snow

High	40
Low	22

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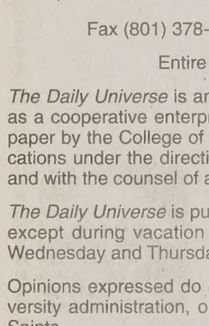
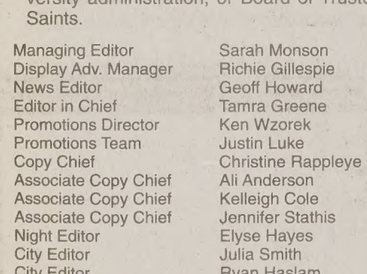


"And why should I yield to sin, because of my flesh? Yea, why should I give way to temptations that the evil one have place in my heart to destroy my peace and afflict my soul? Why am I angry because of my enemy?"

— 2 Nephi 4:27



Emily Murphy said she likes this scripture because "it reminds me that keeping the commandments keeps peace." Murphy, 19, is a sophomore from Lehi, Utah County, majoring in pre-management.

Civilians bombarded in Grozny war frenzy

Associated Press

ACHKOI-MARTAN, Russia — Russian planes and artillery steadily bombarded the Chechen capital Wednesday, despite the military's claims it was allowing civilians to leave Grozny unimpeded to avoid a massive attack in three days.

Trying to deflect international criticism, Russian officials said an ultimatum to Grozny residents to leave by Saturday or face death is aimed at militants — not civilians — but they gave no sign of backing off from the deadline.

Also Wednesday, Russian forces claimed they drove militants out of the key town of Urus-Martan, scene of some of the bloodiest combat since fighting began in September. The Russian military command claimed 80 rebels were killed in Wednesday's battles, but gave no figures for Russian casualties.

The Russian military said it was allowing civilians to leave Grozny. But Russian troops were firing on cars that try to break past Russian lines, assuming they carry militants, said Maj. Gen. Vladimir Shamanov, chief of the Russian army in western Chechnya.

Shamanov insisted the aircraft and artillery gunners are firing only on rebel targets in Grozny. But with much of the city in ruins and militants and civilians hiding in basements, it was not clear how pilots could distinguish targets with any precision.

Earlier this week, Russian planes dropped leaflets on Grozny saying that anyone left in the city after Saturday would face a massive air and artillery attack. U.S. and European leaders criticized the plan as inhumane and urged Russia to back down.

Russian officials said Wednesday that refugees would be given more time to leave Grozny. Interior Minister Vladimir Rushailo, on a visit to Chechnya, said a corridor would remain open as long as needed, but did not say whether the Saturday deadline had been extended or canceled.

And even if the corridor is open, Shamanov and other commanders did not explain how civilians could leave the city when most do not dare leave cellars and shelters because of daily Russian bombardments.

If Russian forces do unleash a huge bombardment Saturday, it could continue for days or weeks as Moscow tries to force rebel defenders out of the capital. The attack would be an escalation rather than a new strategy.

The Russian plan may not work. Much of Grozny has already been destroyed and the rebels are in bunkers, including Soviet-era nuclear bomb shelters.

Some Russian analysts say the military may be planning to use much more powerful weapons, including fuel vapor bombs, which can suffocate people in underground shelters.

The Chechen government met Wednesday and appealed for international help in bringing out Grozny's remaining civilians, Chechen Vice Premier Kazbek Makhashev told the Interfax news agency.

Grozny has an estimated 6,000 militants and from 15,000 to 40,000 civilians. Many of the noncombatants have been too afraid to leave their homes, and some refugees who fled said that many who remained had not even seen the leaflets.

Students file claims in Seattle, say they were pepper sprayed

SEATTLE — Two art students have filed claims, saying they were squirted with pepper spray by a county police officer while they were inside a car videotaping anti-World Trade Organization protests.

The claim against King County, the first step in seeking damages before a lawsuit is filed, is the first of what could be many damage claims related to last week's WTO demonstrations. County police have 60 days to respond.

The claim was filed Tuesday by attorney John Muenster on behalf of Melissa Benton and Shauna Lin Balaski.

The claim says the women, both students at The Art Institute of Seattle, were parked in a grocery store lot videotaping protesters and police Dec. 1 when a deputy in riot gear knocked on their car window.

Muenster said Benton, the driver, rolled down the window to ask what the deputy wanted.

As her passenger's camera was rolling, the deputy grabbed Benton by the collar, sprayed her in the face, then sprayed the camera lens and Balaski, Muenster said.

Balaski, less affected by the spray than Benton, drove the two to a medical center.

Sheriff's spokesman John Urquhart said that the officer involved, one of 300 county deputies providing police support, had not yet been identified but that the incident was being investigated.

Doug Honig, spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, said several hundred people have contacted the ACLU with complaints of civil-rights violations.

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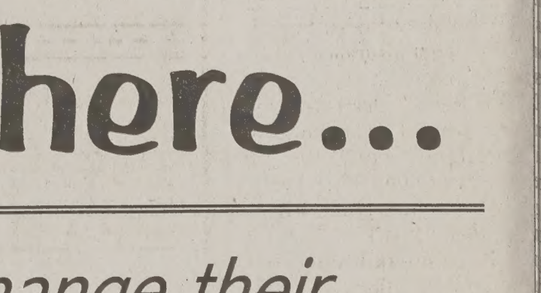

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ll over the world may be the new year a little differ-Dec. 31.

many will be staying at king with families or trying otential Y2K chaos, others lebrating a little more than elcome the new millenni-

the biggest parties in the ates are expected in Las New York City.

750,000 partygoers are pre-pour into Las Vegas this 's Eve, said Mark Paris, of the Freemont Street , a downtown attraction.

ne city only has about otel rooms, many of those for thousands of dollars a

accelerated because of the Paris said. "That is kind of an way."

t Caesars Palace, usually tween $125 and $500 a go for $2,000 a night, with t minimum.

Streisand will perform at Grand, with ticket prices as 2,500. Elton John, Bette l Celine Dion will also per-gas.

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lan, a senior at Cal State in Southern California, ravel plans to go to Times th his girlfriend more than ago. He broke up with her a s ago, and, since the tickets refundable, he will now be his ex-girlfriend.

be a little weird, but we're to make it fun," he said.

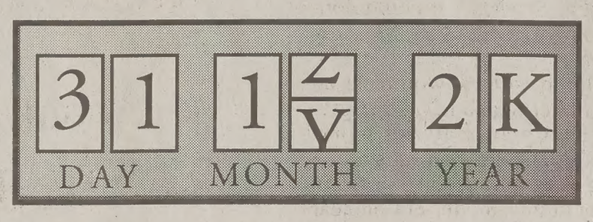
ople will be going on cruis-rate New Year's Eve.

ect this millennium period most profitable in our histo-Jennifer de la Cruz, rson for Carnival Cruise

night cruises to the n are still available for $6,500 per person, and five-night, bargain cruises to Cancun and Key West are still available for $1,800 per person, de la Cruz said.

Y2K celebrations are also expected in other parts of the world.

The British built the Millennium Dome, the largest dome in the world, in Greenwich this year to house exhibits and attractions and serve as the centerpiece of the United Kingdom's celebrations.



Queen Elizabeth II will officially open the dome on Dec. 31. According to the dome's Web site, www.greenwich2000.com, 10,000 people will attend the opening ceremonies, and 12 million people are expected to visit the dome within the next year.

In Egypt, a helicopter will place a golden 30-foot-high pyramid atop the largest pyramid during the second act of an electronic opera. The ticket cost is between $15 and $400, and 50,000 are expected to attend.

Two million Brazilians, many dressed in white, are expected to dance to pagode and axe music on Copacabana Beach.

Other people will celebrate along the international date line to be the first to ring in the new millennium. Cruise ships in the Pacific Ocean will cross the date line at midnight, and then double back to celebrate the millennium twice.

Three people have also paid $12,000 to walk along the date line in snowshoes in the Diomede Islands, between Russia and Alaska, according to Time Magazine.

Sara James, a junior from Paducah, Ky., majoring in psychology, said she will most likely spend a quiet New Year's Eve with her family in Kentucky.

"I just want to stay away from everything," she said.

Cuba beats U.S. in fight over boy

HAVANA — Cuba's communist government enjoyed two partial victories over the United States on Wednesday, with American officials recognizing that a father can assert his claim to take his son back to Cuba and agreeing to return a group of suspected boat hijackers to the island.

Yet with 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez still in the United States and the possibility that Florida courts would delay the suspected hijackers' return, the victories remained incomplete.

Another major protest was planned for Wednesday evening outside the U.S. Interests Section in Havana to press for Elian's return.

The boy was rescued off the Florida coast on Nov. 25 and turned over to relatives in Miami. Elian's mother and stepfather died in the illegal attempt to flee to the United States. His father has insisted on the boy's return to Cuba. The Clinton administration said Tuesday that it recognizes the father's right to assert his claim to take his son home even though the boy says he wants to stay in Miami. State Department deputy spokesman James B. Foley said American immigration authorities will contact the boy's father to explain the process by which his rights would be evaluated.

"The long and the short of it is that the INS will need to have contact with Mr. Gonzalez to establish — according, as I said, to standard criteria — establish his desires and his rights in the case," Foley said Wednesday.

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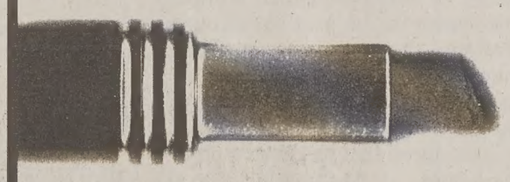
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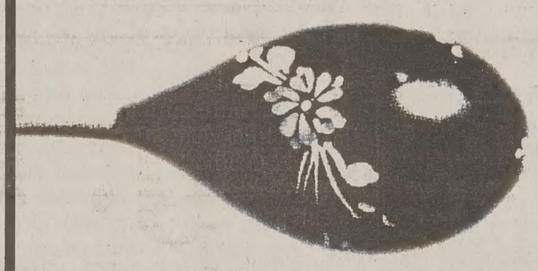
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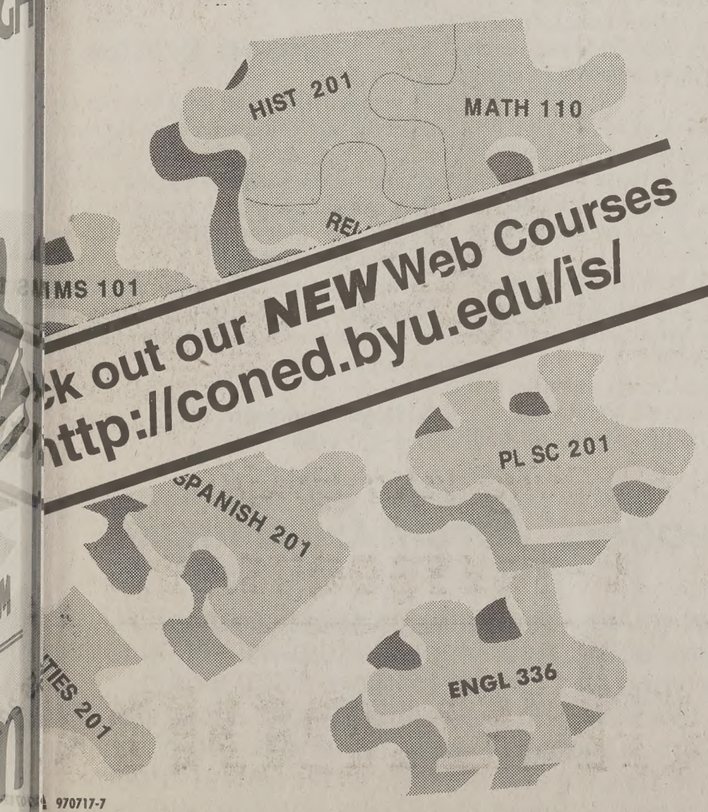

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OPINION

Grammar snobs beware

Amber Stahr
NewsNet Writing Coach

I am a grammar snob.

When people make grammar mistakes I verbally correct them and often criticize them. I realize this is a bad habit that is quite rude and I try to keep my mouth shut, but when someone says "costed" instead of "cost," I have to say something.

Because of my problem, I thoroughly enjoyed last Tuesday's letter to the editor that reprimanded The Daily Universe, students and even professors for using the English language incorrectly.

When I read this grammar letter, I almost shouted "amen." I am disgusted when people who have college degrees say, "if there was." It should be "if there were." I was pleased to find out others felt the way I did. I felt safety in numbers. May all the people with poor grammar be banished from the university.

But wait a minute. If we kicked out everyone who wasn't grammatically perfect, would there be anyone left on campus? Is there anyone who hasn't ever made a grammar mistake in his or her life? I don't think so.

The more I think about my rude habit, I am reminded of the story in the Bible where the scribes and Pharisees bring an adulterer to Jesus and want her to be stoned. Then Jesus said, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

How many of us have made mistakes in our life, even when we do know the rules? When athletes play a game of basketball they all know the rules, but do they follow them religiously? As Christians, we all know the commandments, but do we all keep them perfectly? No, we do not. Just because we know the rules of English Grammar doesn't mean we follow them exactly. No one is perfect.

So I know that I, as a grammar snob, must begin the long process of recovering from my disease. The first step is recognition.

The next step is attempting to keep my mouth shut. The other day when one of my professors said, "And I says," I immediately wanted to label him a terrible professor. But he isn't. He is human — imperfect like the rest of us.

So I would like to issue a call to all my fellow grammar snobs out there: Forgive and forget. When you are perfect at everything you will have the right to be upset when someone makes a mistake. But until then, let us all do our best to improve. Imperfection is a challenge to rise up and make an attempt at perfection.

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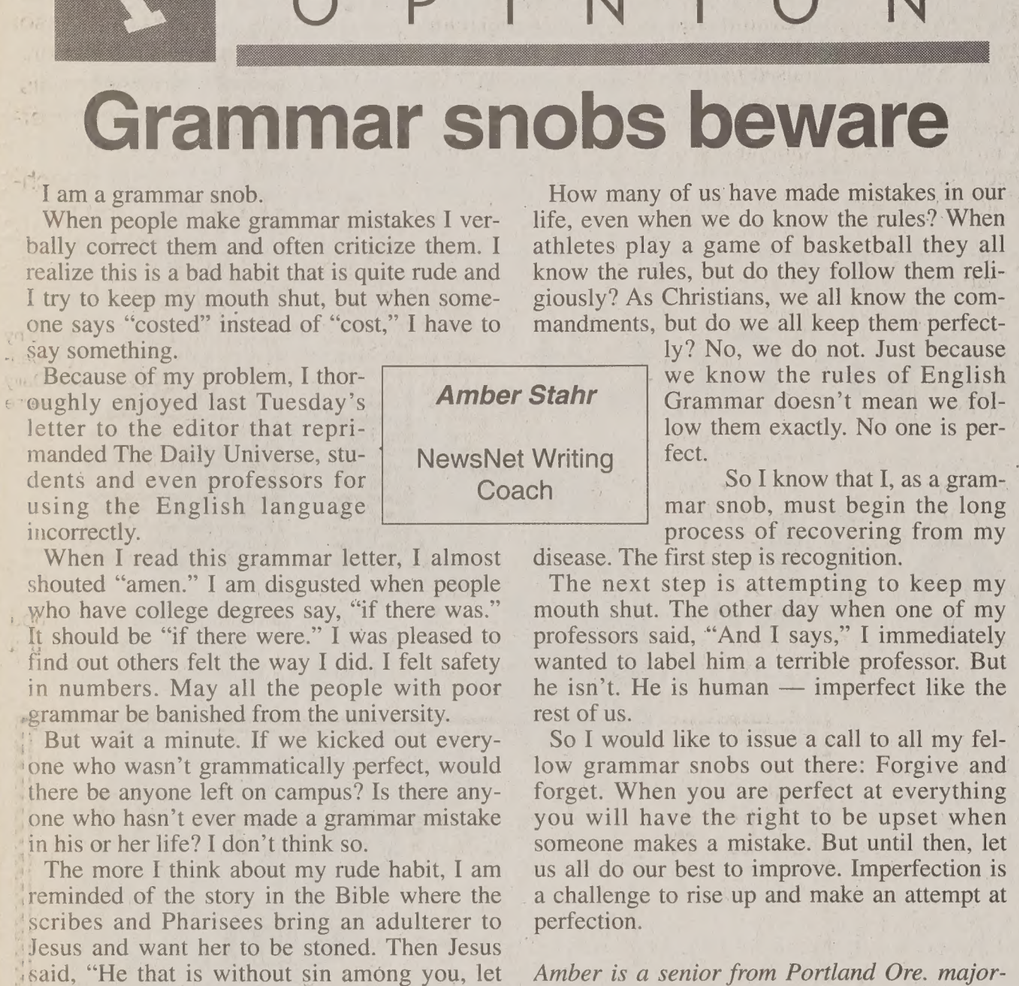

Book exchange now online

By Eric Perry and Sharon Varga
BYUSA president and vice president

Over the course of this past semester, members of the UNIX users group and the BYUSA technology team have partnered with the BYU Bookstore to provide a new service to the BYU student body: the online Virtual Book Exchange. It will allow students to post their used textbooks for sale to other students who may need them effective the first day of textbook buyback.

The online exchange is a secure site and will allow access only to current BYU students through the use of Route Y login protocol. Once the students have entered the system they can enter their upcoming class schedules. Their schedule information will be used to search a database that will find the books they need for the new semester.

This book list database is the same as that provided by the Bookstore. In fact, it has been provided to us courtesy of the Bookstore; we are extremely grateful for their cooperation in providing students with increased ease in gathering information and finding new alternatives.

Through the online database, students will be able to see the required books for their class sections, as well as listings for the new and used Bookstore prices. That information will help students decide whether to buy new or used books, and whether to use the Bookstore, the Virtual Book Exchange, or some other source to sell and obtain their textbooks.

Students who choose to post their books on the exchange will leave their e-mail address as contact information. They will then be contacted by students who need their books for the next semester and an exchange that will benefit both parties will be made. Students looking to buy books can contact sellers via e-mail and also negotiate the terms of exchange.

While the process does require a little more time and effort than other methods, a number of benefits clearly exist for students. In most cases, students will be able to negotiate better deals one with another.

Additionally, students who use the application to query the database will be able to find out book requirements and book prices for different courses without needing to physically visit the Bookstore. This will be helpful to students in making final class schedule decisions over the holidays. It will also save students from waiting in line at the Bookstore information desk to find textbook information.

In addition to the services provided by the Bookstore and the BYUSA Virtual Book Exchange, there are several other options available. We provide this information only as a service to increase the number of choices available to the student body. Several students have started a company called The Vault Book Exchange (www.vaultbooks.com) A number of online providers, such as Varsity Books (www.varsitybooks.com) and Big Books (www.bigbooks.com) may also meet some students' needs. Before using any service, we suggest students perform some background research to assure that the system will meet their time, cost, and quality demands.

Finally, on Dec. 15 the long-awaited results of the Off-Campus Housing Rating Survey will be made available online. Find it under "Online Services" at http://byusa.byu.edu.

We also invite any suggestions for new applications to serve students. Please send your ideas to us at byusa@byu.edu.

Finally, we'd like to wish the student body a Merry Christmas and thank them for being the good people they are.

Vault Exchange talks back

By Jared Theler
Special to the Universe

As one of the founders of The Vault Textbook Exchange, I just wanted to reply to the article in Tuesday's paper, "Monopoly stereotypes false; Bookstore exists to serve students, faculty." Let me take a few moments to clarify a few of the article's points.

Point one: The most obvious fallacy in the article was about the American Heritage textbook not being resold next semester. Take a sigh of relief because the same textbook for the class will be reused. I verified that myself with the American Heritage Department, Dr. Fox and the Bookstore. The article talked about the textbook changing, when in fact it was a collection of readings in a separate book.

Point two: Our primary intent in establishing the book exchange is not money. Our reasoning in creating The Vaults was to provide a service to students, get some good experience, learn a whole lot and have some fun along the way.

Furthermore, I don't intend on staying at BYU my whole life. If the exchange works we have discussed turning the program over to BYUSA as a student service program.

Point three: When we say the Bookstore has a monopoly on the market, price is what usually pops into people's heads. The purpose in providing competition for a monopoly is not only to lower prices, but spark innovation and continual improvement. I am convinced the majority of people working at the Bookstore don't "have it in for us." Most have good intentions and live by those.

However, good intentions don't imply efficiency or innovation. Competition gives incentive to the Bookstore to provide increasing levels of quality service.

Finally, the article Tuesday made reference to the prophet as being the final authority in the bookstore's chain of command. While this is true, I hope the prophet isn't spending too much time thinking about used textbooks. The bookstore has its own budget and profits separate from the university. The church is a major shareholder of KSL and up until November, the Z.C.M.I. department store chain. However, you don't see the prophet counseling members to watch only KSL or shop only at Z.C.M.I.

Our book exchange exists to improve student life and give students an alternative. Period.

If you have notions otherwise you need to read and find out more. One statement the article highlighted is that Varsitybooks.com doesn't care about BYU students, and they're probably right. But we're different because we are for the students and by the students!

Jared is a business management major from Wooster, Ohio.

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Readers' Forum

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Editor's Note: As a nod to the end of the millennium, I have included a few letters from years past. Enjoy the history and the juxtaposition with today's letters. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of Readers' Forum this semester.

Distraction

The News Editor must have been out for the day when "Please don't gawk at my baby" came to press. While the writer's concern regarding strangers sticking their fingers in her baby's mouth is a legitimate concern, the rest of the article contains nothing more than the childish rantings of a self-absorbed woman whose existence seems to be justified through her child. I am sure the comments regarding the "baby-hungry single women" will generate plenty of nasty letters from the students of BYU. Therefore, I will only address one issue that this letter introduced that has been a problem here at the school.

Bringing a young baby to class is a distraction to other students as well as the professor. Granted, in some instances it cannot be avoided but the classroom is no place for a baby. Most students that have had to bring young children to class are polite enough to sit in a place where they are not a distraction and can leave quietly without disturbing the class.

I think the professors intent on asking the writer "if her daughter was paying tuition" was to give a polite subtle hint to not bring the baby to class. Other students pay tuition to listen and learn, not to be distracted by people playing with their children in class. So, Mrs. Morrison, since you ask all of BYU to be polite, why not return the favor to your classmates and coordinate baby-sitting with your husband or leave the child with the BYU childcare professionals?

By the way, I'd keep the "I pinched her to make her cry" comment to myself.

Darren Lowe
Raymond, Alberta

Was that a joke?

In response to Tuesday's article of the mother pleading with the student body to leave her baby alone -- was that a joke? If your baby really is "the cutest on campus" (which is debatable), how can you expect all those "baby-hungry single women" to leave her alone? It's not the baby's fault it gets so much attention, nor is it the students'. It is the fault of the person who totes her around.

Next, if you are so worried about the hygiene of your daughter, the worst place to bring her is a crowded campus where hundreds of airborne illnesses are transferred. You probably transmit germs just as much as other students do by touching desks and doorknobs and then handling your daughter.

Most students probably do not appreciate their classes being interrupted by your crying daughter. We have paid for our tuition just like you have. How dare you pinch your baby to make her cry as an excuse to leave class early. That's called child abuse. Not only is it painful to your daughter, but also disrupts the class.

We understand that as a last option, you may have to bring your child with you to class once in a while, but if you do so, don't complain about others around you. It was your choice to bring her to school. You could have opted to have one parent stay at home to watch her.

Sounds to us like bringing your baby to class is not benefitting you, your baby or your fellow students.

Jennifer Fox
Apple Valley, Calif.

Chase Fox
Spanish Fork

Gawk on

I have not yet been blessed with a husband and child like Erin Morrison. Reading her article made me so sad. It seems that the phrase "baby hungry" has a negative connotation. To me, it just shows a person's righteous desire to have an eternal family. If someone finds joy in looking at her baby, then why not share the blessing she has been given and let them look?

I was so upset when I read that she pinches her baby just to have a reason to get out of class. I cannot imagine how anyone could purposefully hurt her innocent child. If she really wants to leave class, just do it. I am sure her baby will appreciate not being pinched and the teacher and students will appreciate not being distracted.

Martha Gile
Richmond, Vt.

My child

The Lamanite Generation is a joy to watch. A highlight of their performance is the traditional song, "Go My Son," in which an Indian chief encourages his son to climb the "ladder of an education" so he can help the Indian nation.

As beautiful as the song is, it no longer accurately reflects the opportunities available to both men and women. Certainly, "My Son" could be taken in the generic sense. But changing the lyrics to "Go My Child" would provide a stronger message to the worldwide audience that enjoys these performances: BYU values an education for men and women of all races.

Victoria Laney
March 20, 1984

CO danger

With the recent discovery of carbon monoxide in the home of a student living off campus, CO has become a hot topic. Many may not realize this isn't the first time a student has been poisoned in BYU off-campus housing. If changes aren't made soon, it may not be the last.

CO is odorless, colorless and can be deadly.

As students, the only protection we have from such faulty appliances and the negligence of housing owners is BYU Housing. BYU Housing has a moral obligation to preserve the lives of students required to live in housing approved by their codes.

But whose side are they on exactly? BYU housing does not require the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in housing on the premise that "research has been done that they are not always effective." According to whom?

Captain Devin Villa of the Salt Lake City Fire Department, as quoted by the Deseret News, believes that every home should have at least one carbon monoxide detector.

Although complaints about carbon monoxide poisoning are few in comparison with other housing problems, CO shouldn't be so easily dismissed. Does it have to take the loss of a student's life for BYU housing officials to take this seriously?

The first step is prevention. A simple inspection required annually by landlords and completed by licensed technicians could save the lives of students living off campus. Carbon monoxide detectors, whether they save one life or 100, is the surest way to prevent harm to students.

Please, a little caring, a little common sense, a little compassion. That's all it will take housing officials to remove at least one of many BYU student's housing concerns.

Amber Meager
Citrus Heights, Calif.

Look both ways

You, young lady, who just stepped off the sidewalk in front of me ... Yes, you ... You've done that to me five times this fall, twice after dark. No, I don't mind stopping at all. You are superior to my automobile, and infinitely more precious. I like the pride that keeps you from looking to right or left. I like that studied indifference and those arms full of books. You're going somewhere, young lady, and I may even have an opportunity to help somewhere along the line.

Would you take one word of advice? It's just a little thing. Don't gamble with me and my car. I saw you this time and those other times, but once at night I didn't see you until the last minute, and this morning you just seemed to step out of nowhere.

In a year or two you'll be having children of your own, and I have an idea you'll spank them hard for doing what you just did. Because you'll love them.

What if something distracts my attention just for a second? Just for a second, mind you.

But time would stop on that second for both of us. No, I don't mind stopping at all. law. But do what you can to make su you, and that I stop ... in time.

John A Green
Oct. 7, 1966

End of an era

The demise of BYU's wrestling progr loss for all of us. We are denying a group of fine athletes the privilege of th experience. Students who will not only cally but intellectually aid our school w BYU off the list of schools to apply to l it has dropped such a wonderful sport.

Quite a number of LDS and no wrestlers believe BYU has an impressi gram. My high school's wrestling coac has coached many state champions, w ably impressed by my brother's deci come here for a wrestling camp offere summer. My brother enjoyed a wo experience and learned a lot that ai wrestling performance the season follov

Traditions will be broken when BY away wrestling. My grandfather wresti father wrestled. My brother wrestled hope one day that my sons will wrest article on the front page of the Univ Monday broke my heart as it talke "noticeable class of older men that see share a bond for something that has d from 300 collegiate teams to 98 in the decades."

To take away wrestling at BYU is to large group of people the benefits of BY will deny BYU a priceless gift. Why have to see collegiate wrestling teams to 97? Please, BYU students, at leas respect for this great sport if not suppor wonderful team.

Taunja Ruch
Bloomington, Ill.

Student militia

The senate proposal seems doomed to because of the skepticism of some of dents. In light of this, I would like to the following proposal for consideratio

A student militia would provide advantages over our present system an dy most of the problems we now face implementing the principles of the Amendment. For instance, student une ment would be virtually eliminated draft, and many would gain valuable experience. Parking violations wo deterred and the traffic office would ha plete control over crime. Also, I feel th stimuli would bring new levels of pa and school spirit, as no one would mo ing the two minute observances of the a

Now I assure you that I have no p motives for promoting such an institut no desire for such a high position in government, but only for the general the student body and to get my nam paper.

Raymond Fowkes
March 19, 1984

Food prices

I wonder if I'm the only one who is ed at the way food prices are higher th nary for just about every item acr counter at the basketball games. Why i they can get away with charging 35 ce hamburger that is ordinarily 25 cer without potato chips?

Isn't there enough profit made at t nary price or is it mercenary greed on of someone who knows when he has y a barrel?

N. Roger Andersen
Dec. 13, 1966

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Engineers play with toys

...rklift competition ...spires rivalry

By JESSICA OROZCO
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NewsNet Staff Writer

...e fruits of many engineering ...ents' labor were realized ...nesday, as months of playing ... Legos and building toy trucks ...ly paid off.

...e Electronics Engineering ...nology and Mechanical ...ineering departments hosted ...r third annual Autonomous ...ature Forklift Competition. The ...petition tested what the students ... learned throughout the semes- ...said Richard Helps, associate ...essor of electrical engineering ...nology.

...teaches the best means of solv- ...any kind of engineering prob- ..." Helps said.

...e purpose of the Mecatronics ... 548 class is to combine elec- ...ic, mechanical and computer ...ems technologies, Helps said.

...e students built forklifts that ...e completely autonomous, ...ning they did not have operator ...rols. They needed to be pro- ...med with enough intelligence ...ndle the obstacles they encoun- ..., Helps said.

...ven teams, each consisting of ...o three students, participated in ...ompetition.

...ch forklift had to go through the ...petition track, which measured ...et by 10 feet.

...e track simulated a real factory ...arehouse floor, Helps said. ...ories actually use these types of ...ts that operate on their own.

...e competition required the cars ...entify different colored pallets, ... them up and take them to the ...ified locations, Helps said.

...other part of the competition ...ded having two forklifts run- ... down the course simultaneous- ...hich presented a collision haz- ...ard, Helps said. The cars had to avoid collisions and obstacles that were placed on the track.

White lines were taped on the track. The forklifts followed these lines with a mirror that reflected them onto the bottom of the car, where they were detected by sensors, Helps said.

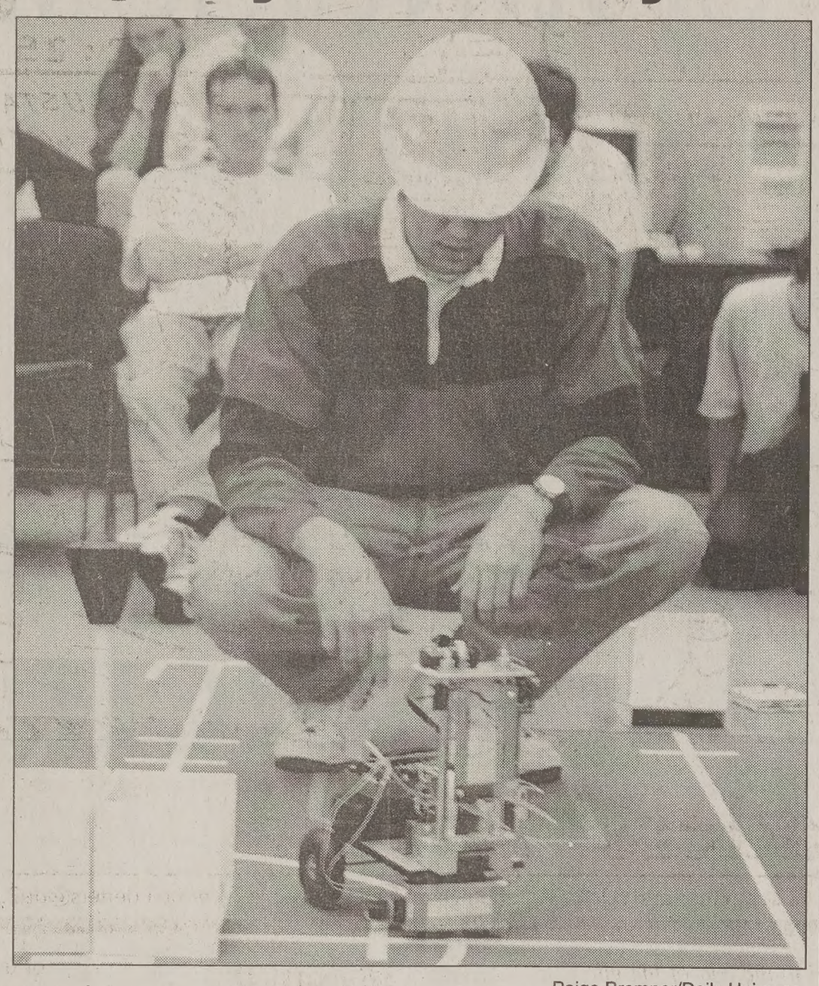
The participants spent, on an average, more than 100 hours working on their cars, Helps said. One team spent about 200 hours.

Students are more willing to put in more time because the class is so interesting, said the teaching assistant, David Pettingill, 25, from Camarillo, Calif., a graduate student in mechanical engineering.

Pettingill said the project is very beneficial.

"There's a lot of learning that goes on with hands-on experience," he said.

One team was so enthused, it even programmed the Cougar Fight song to play at the end of the competition.



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Brandon Steele, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, watches his forklift in the main lobby of the Roland A. Crabtree Technology Building. Steele was one of 14 students participating in the third annual miniature forklift competition.

Professor bleaches hair for over $18,000

By EMILY SMURTHWAITE
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NewsNet Staff Writer

When an American Heritage professor walked into class on Wednesday wearing a big, brimmed hat, his students knew they had accomplished their goal.

For the last seven years, American Heritage classes have participated in a Sub for Santa program. To motivate students to donate money and time, each year a professor makes a bet. If the students meet the goal, then the professor must do what the students decide.

Brett Latimer, a American Heritage professor, was on the other end of the student bet. If the students raised $16,500, then Latimer would bleach his hair.

The 3,000 students raised over $18,000.

Just before Latimer shed his hat in class on Wednesday, he informed the students he had kept his end of the bargain and bleached his hair.

"I'm not sure what looks more stupid," he said to the class, "the hat, or what's underneath it."

After the bleached hair was revealed, Latimer told the class he realized blondes really do have more fun.

Past wagers had professors dancing in pink tutus, shaving their heads and kissing pigs. Latimer said the bleached hair wager was quicker than performing a ballet for the class.

Linda Jensen, the American Heritage coordinator, said the money raised by the students was enough to support 45 families. The students donated the money and will do all the shopping and delivering of the gifts, she said.

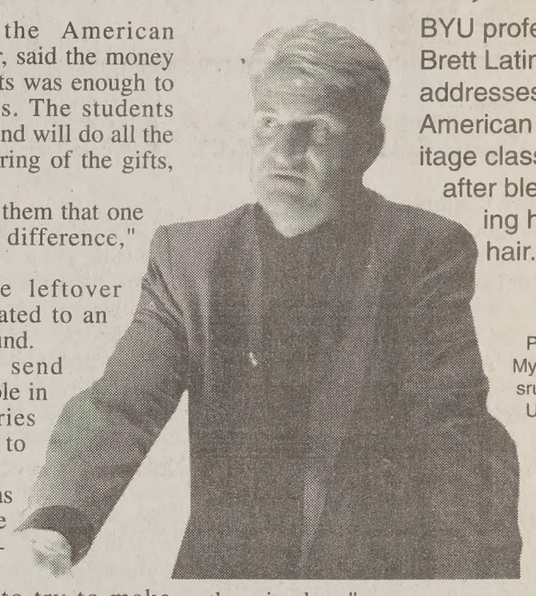
"We want to teach them that one person can make a difference," she said.

Latimer said the leftover money will be donated to an international relief fund.

"We're going to send some money to people in Third World countries who are just trying to survive," he said.

Latimer said he was impressed with the efforts of the students to raise funds.

"We were going to try to make some sort of a difference. It turned out to be a pretty big one," he said. "The students did it -- I just reminded them in class."



BYU professor Brett Latimer addresses his American Heritage class after bleaching his hair.

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Glauser said the project was a good way to get a big class involved in a Christmas project.

...tudent pitches pizza on Web site

By KRIS BOYLE
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NewsNet Staff Writer

...J students are finding ways to ...e Internet to help finance their ...ion more than ever before.

...n Hardy, a gradu- ...udent in exer- ...cience well- ... from ...d s t o n , ...ta, started ...w.anypiz- ...m on Oct.

Web site ...es the phone ...ers of twelve ...restaurants in ...Provo area. ... of the busi- ...s provide on- ...urchasing.

...ly said he came ...th the idea last ...when he got frus- ... with the effort it ...o order pizza by phone.

...r the summer, Hardy approached ...ea pizza businesses with his ...Hardy said most wanted to wait ... how things would go before ...ommitted to the Web site, but ...Pipeline, 5 Buck Pizza and Papa ... all decided to give it a try.

...ly said since the site received 40 ... during October and 80 orders ...vember.

...said his goal was to provide ...thing necessary for ordering a ...all on one page.

...e logged onto the site, the cus- ...s choose the pizza place they ...o order from, and they fill out ...der form. They can also view specials that the business is running, Hardy said.

The customers fill out their name, address and phone number. They can also choose to pick their order up or have it delivered.

Hardy said the order is sent to a secure Web site to ensure privacy, allowing customers to pay by credit card.

The order cannot be sent off unless all the necessary information is filled out, Hardy said. This helps prevent any bogus orders and insures the order is correct.

Once the order is sent, Hardy said an employee at the business is paged with all the necessary information.

The pager is contacted around 30 seconds after the order is sent, he said. Orders are also sent to Hardy so he can keep track of the numbers of orders that are placed.

Hardy said the businesses he has worked with have had positive responses to the Web site. Once the Web site is working well at BYU, Hardy said he hopes to expand the service to other schools like Utah Valley State College, University of Utah and Utah State University.

Scott Reed, the assistant manager of Papa John's, said response to the Web site was slow at first, but recently things have started to pick up.

Reed said it not only saves the pizzeria time, but it's beneficial to the students as well.

"They can do it all on the computer without having to wait on us," Reed said.

Reed said there were a few mix-ups at first, but those have been worked out: He said the Web site has been beneficial to Papa John's and he plans to stick with it.

Hardy isn't the only who has found success on the Internet.

Kevin Voisin, a senior from New Orleans, La., majoring in history, started a teacher evaluation Web site in October.

The site, once located at www.ludwigandledyard.com, can now be found at www.studentreviews.com, Voisin said.

According to Voisin, the site averages 1,000 hits a day. Its peak so far is 5,000 hits in a day. He said he is pleased with the success the site has been experiencing.

"We had no idea of how big of a response we would get," Voisin said.

Starting Wednesday, the site became fully automated, Voisin said.

Rather than having to take 5-10 minutes to enter each evaluation individually, the evaluations will be entered automatically.

Voisin said students interested in creating their own Web sites should have a very clear idea of what they will do beforehand.

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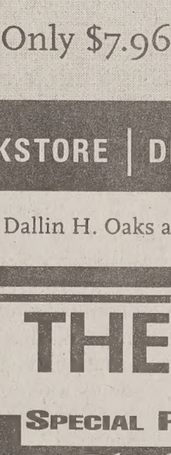

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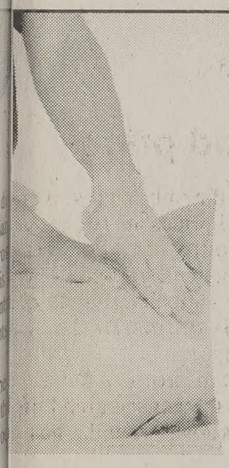

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Online check helps grads view status

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The Graduate Studies Office has developed a system wherein students applying for graduate studies can check their application status through Route Y.

Lindsay Cottam, 23, from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., a third-year law student and a graduate intern for Graduate Studies, said that although graduate school applicants must go through AIM now to check their status, they will soon have a separate connection on Route Y.

Cottam said the online application status check is being developed because students call the Graduate Studies Office nonstop to ask if all their application material has arrived.

"Every time, around graduate school application time, the front desk gets flooded with calls on their status," Cottam said.

Melanie Grover, an Applied Technology Services employee at BYU who did the programming for the system, said the application status will enable students to check on it any time of day, with constant updates.

Grover said each application requirement is labeled as either needed or cleared. She said the online status checks promise up-to-date information around the clock.

"If at 9 a.m. a student checked their status and a requirement was labeled needed, they could get that missing requirement fixed or handed in, and when they checked it again at 10 a.m., it would be cleared," Grover said.

She said the office was trying to encourage students to use the online advantages, including applying for graduate school, because in the future online resources will be the only way to apply.

Janis Robinson, office manager of Graduate Studies, said she helped with the wording that applicants will see on their application status screen.

Robinson said the status information, now online, was formerly only seen by graduate school employees and departments with graduate programs. She wanted to clarify some of the language to make it more user friendly for people who do not work with University Student Information every day.

Professor to speak before retirement

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After 29 years of leading students around the world and sharing his philosophies in the classroom, a BYU geography professor will give a farewell lecture about his experiences today at 11 a.m. in 660 SWKT.

Professor Lloyd Hudman, who is retiring at the end of December, has been an extremely influential figure in the geography department, said Richard Jackson, Geography Department chair and professor.

"He has been my colleague and my friend. He is an example of someone who really cares about students and respects their abilities, expects them to do their best and prepares them to do their best," Jackson said.

Hudman said he will use his experiences to illustrate three points. The first is how the Lord uses elements to bring about his will to his people. The second will be the importance of being good learners forever. Finally, he will discuss the attitude of service.

Hudman has been published extensively, including publication in the top three tourism magazines in the world -- Tourism Management, Journalism of Travel Research and Annuals of Tourism.

He has also published numerous books. Although his published accomplishments are impressive, according to co-workers, his greatest skills are his people skills.

"He really cares about students and goes out of his way to help them. He was one of the major reasons I decided to go into geography," said James Davis, associate professor of geography and a former student of Hudman.

He also has gone out of his way to personally extend opportunities to students, said Mindy Rowe, administrative assistant in the geography department and a recent BYU graduate.

"He was the most influential person in my undergraduate career. He actually sought me out and let me know about an amazing internship experience. He really is an incredible person, not only a great teacher but a good friend. He really cares," Rowe said.

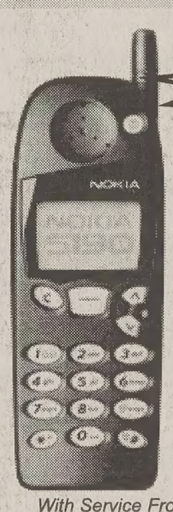
Hudman said being director and associate director of many BYU Study Abroad trips ranging from Spain to England has helped him interact with students on a much more personal level and make new friends.

"It gives you a chance to travel and recognize the uniqueness of a place. It is thrilling to be exposed to that and to help students to be exposed to different parts of the world," Hudman said.

He said his main concern about retiring is not having the opportunity to interact with BYU students and the chance of increasing his number of friendships.

"Anywhere I travel in the world, I end up running into former students," Hudman said."

He also said he will miss his day-to-day interactions with BYU students.



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Tuba's celebrate Christmas joy

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Photo courtesy of Jeff Case

Tuba and euphonium players show the fun personality of their group, which will give a TubaChristmas concert at the Trolley Square Amphitheatre in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

omical costumes, wacky instruts and entertaining personalities come part in parcel with a aChristmas concert.

turday at 7 p.m., a massed emble of more than 60 tuba and nonium players will present the ual Utah TubaChristmas concert he Trolley Square Amphitheatre alt Lake City.

e traditional event, celebrated over a 100 cities all over the ntry, is a tuba player's way of ering in the Christmas season.

hey do it in most of the big es across the country," said don Dix, a physics major from cago who will be participating he Salt Lake concert this year.

is will be Dix's first time perming in the Utah TubaChristmas cert, but he has participated in TubaChristmas concerts back he.

's a different kind of Christmas ic," said Eliza Chiu, 20, a junfrom Falls Church, Va., major- in music education. "When you e that many low instruments ether, it makes your chest rum- The bass is so powerful."

iu will perform in the Utah aChristmas concert for the third ight year this season.

those years, she's seen a lot of performers' humorous antics.

t's hilarious," she said. "Last year, there was this guy who had a train set up on his tuba. And have you seen Dr. Seuss with all those wacky instruments? There was this other guy who made one of those out of his tuba — he unwound his tubing somehow without kinking it or breaking any seals."

Did it still sound like a tuba?

"Sort of," she said.

TubaChristmas concerts are full of traditions that make it fun for all involved.

"One of the coolest things they'll do is find the youngest and oldest players — usually they're around 7 years old and 80 years old," Dix said.

Usually relegated to the back row of the band or orchestra, TubaChristmas is a tuba player's chance to shine, according to Steve Call, BYU School of Music faculty member and the concert's organizer.

"I've been doing it for 19 years," Call said. "I get all the good tuba players and euphonium players together, we rehearse a bit and we give a concert. Music lovers seem to always be surprised that the music produced by so many large brass instruments is not loud or harsh, but is rich, warm and engulfing."

Keeping with the tradition of this festive event, the concert will entertain, surprise and provide a musical high point for the holiday season, Call said.

Admission to the concert is free to everyone.

Eagles set sales record

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Eagles are soaring into the new year with the best-selling album of the century in the United States.

"The Eagles, Their Greatest Hits 1971-1975," released in 1976, was honored Tuesday as the top-selling album.

Hillary Rosen, president of the Recording Industry Association of America, presented a plaque to band members Glenn Frey, Don Henley, Don Felder, Joe Walsh and Timothy B. Schmit.

Frey said they have sold 26.6 million copies of the album in the United States, while Michael Jackson's "Thriller" has sold 25.2 million.

"I think when Michael Jackson sees this on television, he's going to go out and buy a million-and-a-half copies of 'Thriller,'" Frey joked.

The band surprised reporters by performing the song "Tequila Sunrise" during the ceremony Tuesday at The Complex Rehearsal Studio.

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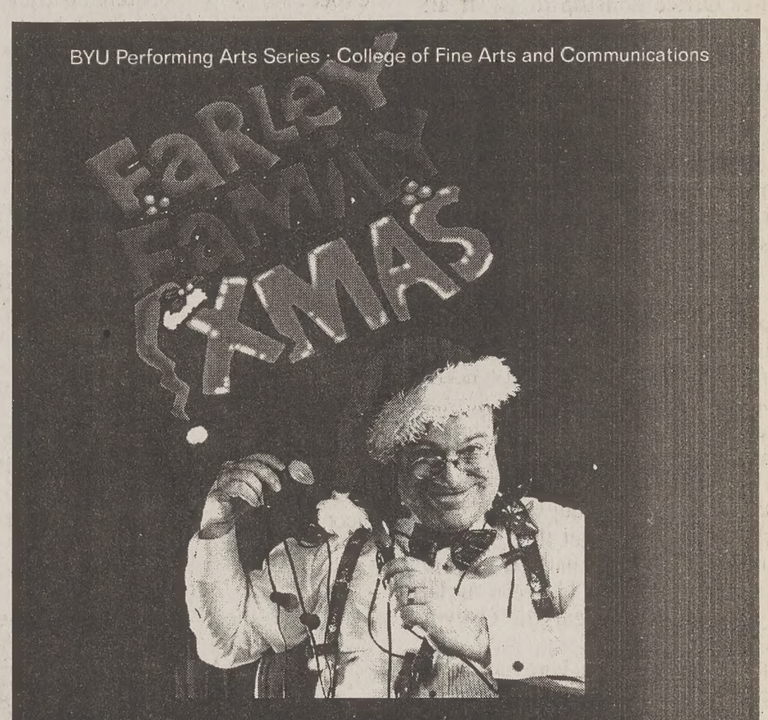

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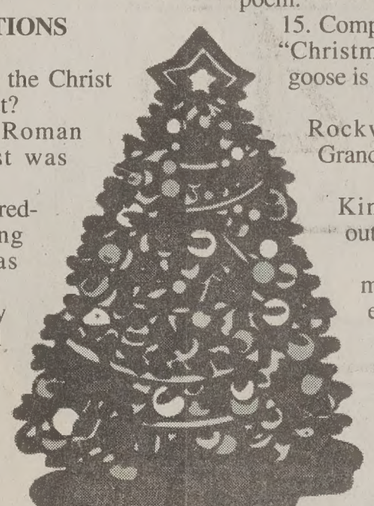

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7. What did the goblins steal in a Christmas short story by Charles Dickens?

8. Why did President Theodore Roosevelt's young sons Archie and Quentin hide a Christmas tree in a White House closet?

9. What family tradition did President Franklin Roosevelt insist on performing every Christmas Eve?

10. In Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" what identical gift was bestowed on the bootlegger, the bus driver, the knife grinder, two Baptist missionaries in Borneo and the president of the United States?

11. What was True Love's gift on the second day of Christmas?

12. What did Harry Potter get for Christmas in his first semester at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry?

13. In the days before central heating, what did Santa put in the Christmas stockings of children who misbehaved?

14. Name the eight tiny reindeer in the order in which Santa summoned them in Clement C. Moore's classic poem.

15. Complete the jolly jingle "Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat..."

16. Did Norman Rockwell ever paint Grandma Moses?

17. When did good King Wenceslas go out?

18. Which government agency provided proof of Santa's existence in the film classic "Miracle on 34th Street."

19. What historic event heightened holiday spirits in Berlin a decade ago?

20. Which newspaper assured a reader: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus?

THE ANSWERS

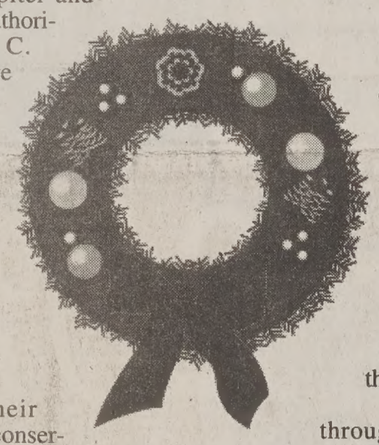
1. No closer than second cousin. Luke tells us John's mother Elizabeth was Mary's cousin.

2. Caesar Augustus.

3. Constantine in 325 A.D.

4. They journeyed 92.5 miles.

5. The German astronomer Johannes Kepler supposed it was a conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn. Modern authorities, like Arthur C. Clarke, conjecture it could have been a comet or a supernova, an exploding new star.



6. In Whoville.

7. They made off with Gabriel Grub, the grouchy grave digger.

8. Because their father, an ardent conservationist, feared a tree in the White House would encourage ravaging the forests for young pines and spruces.

9. Sitting beside the fire, he read aloud the Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol," exuberantly acting out all the parts.

10. A Christmas fruit cake.

11. "Two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree."

12. An "invisibility cloak."

13. A lump of coal.

14. "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder! and Blitzen!"

15. "Please to put a penny in the old man's hat. If you haven't got a penny, a halfpenny will do. If you haven't got a halfpenny, God bless you."

16. Yes. He depicted Grandma Moses among the friends and family greeting a boy returning from college in "Christmas Homecoming," a 1948 Saturday Evening Post cover.

17. On Dec. 26, the feast of St. Stephen.

18. The U.S. Post Office put in evidence sacks of mail addressed to Santa.

19. The fall of the wall.

20. The New York Sun. A famous editorial on Sept. 21, 1897, by Francis P. Church answered a letter by 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon. The paper ceased publication in 1950.

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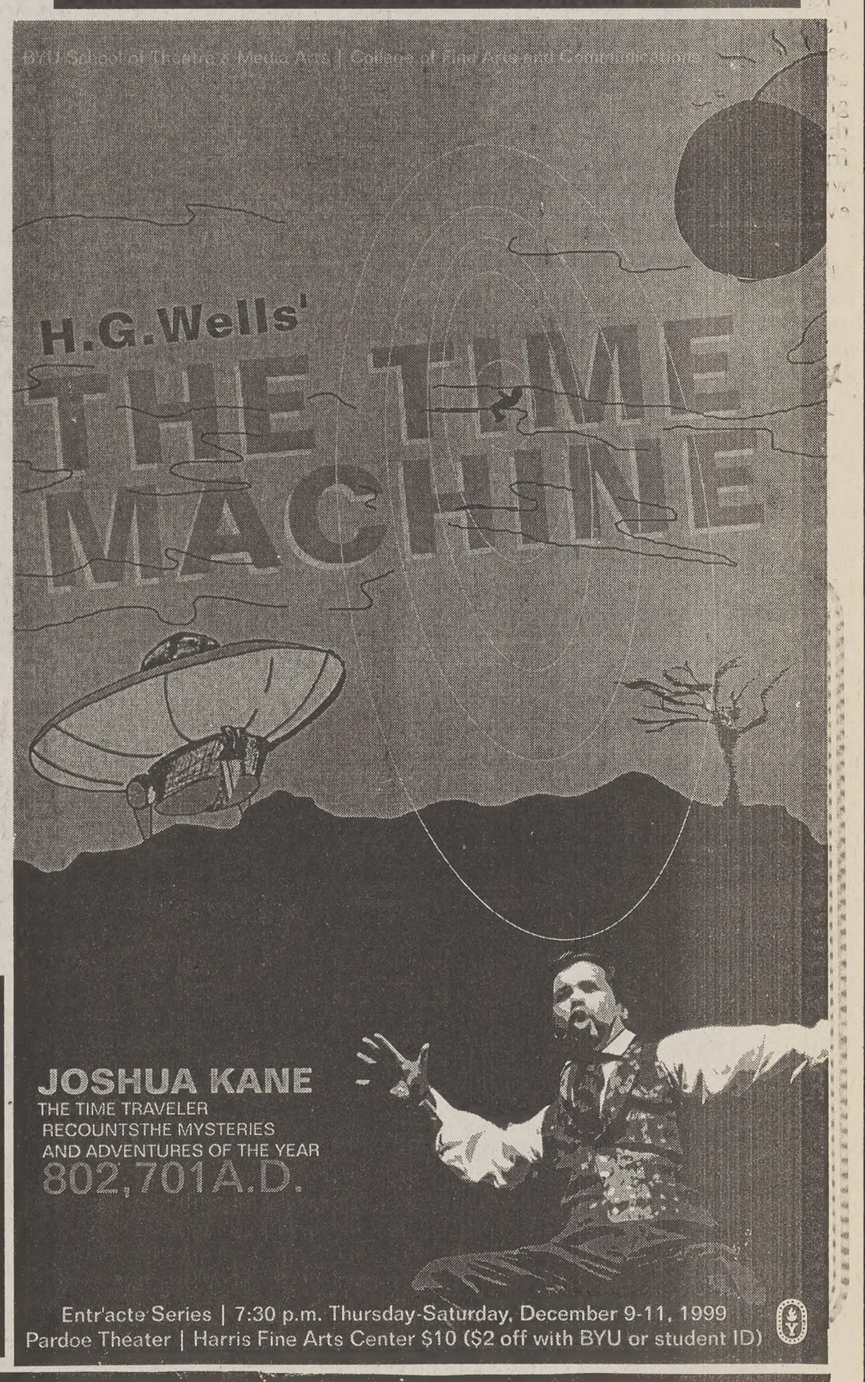

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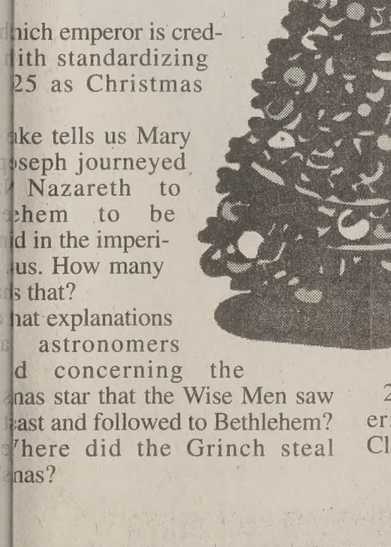

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Relatives make major a 'family' affair

By DANIEL KNORPP
NewsNet Contributor

Three BYU students, two daughters and their mother, have taken the family science major quite literally with all three of them working in the major together.

The Tanners, from Mission Viejo, Calif., include Michelle, a 1999 BYU graduate and her sister, Heather, a junior. They chose the family science major independently of their mom, Kathy "Kate" Tanner, a junior who came to BYU following her two daughters.

The daughters said attending BYU with her is like having a good friend for great conversations, while also discovering new differences in their relationship.

Michelle said she loves seeing her mom every day, while still independently living in her own apartment.

Going to BYU together is, "close enough to keep contact, but I'm still on my own," Michelle said.

Before this Michelle lived with her mom or only saw her on the holidays.

Heather said talking to her mother Kate on campus was much better than waiting to get home to call her when Kate lived in California.

She said her life is more complete once she has talked to her mom about things.

The regular face-to-face talks, Heather said, have brought Kate and her closer than ever before.

> ***"She's more my friend than my mom."***
>
> *– Heather Tanner, daughter and classmate of her mother Kate Tanner*

"Mom tells her boy stories when it used to just be us," said Michelle, referring to her dating experiences, now that her mom is single and living in Utah. Kate faces many of the same trials of dating and homework that before only the daughters faced.

Even with Kate's close friendship and empathy for schoolwork and relationships, "Mom is always mom," Michelle said. Kate still pays for everything when they eat out.

Heather also said she is different from her mom even though they are great friends. Once when Heather didn't come to class, Kate called her and asked why. After her mom chastised her for missing the class, Heather lovingly reminded her mom she was an adult now and could make her own decisions about attending class or going water skiing.

Even during class discussions in the home class they had together, Heather and Kate often had different opinions, since they come from different perspectives of home life.

Kate often wants to be the overachiever in class, but her daughters don't always feel that way.

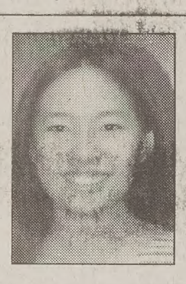
Heather said differences like this one bring out the two, almost opposite situations of a single mother with children still at home versus a young college student wanting to have a fun weekend.

Still, the sisters stay very close with their mother.

"She's more my friend than my mom," Heather said.

Because she and her mom are on the same social level now, bumping into Kate at school is as normal as running into any other friend on campus.

A call to resisters of telemarketing



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You know how the phone always rings when you are in the midst of a disaster? It's like those telecommunication people know you are in a hurry to get things done and they would just like to help you out by increasing your stress level.

A couple of days ago, just when I was about to storm out of my apartment for a late appointment, the phone rang. I dashed for the phone and thought, "This better be an important phone call, such as the Middle East just declared peace."

But no. A long silence followed after I picked up the phone. I impatiently repeated, "Hello?"

If I was smart, I should have hung up the phone at this point because only those annoying telecommunication people call you from a speaker phone.

I mean, how impersonal is that? I sure don't feel like "a valued future customer" if I'm receiving a phone call from a telecommunication worker who is filing her nails, reading the "Cosmopolitan" and randomly punching numbers all at the same time.

After the third "Hello" from me, a monotone voice finally came through and started a five-minute, non-stop, trite commercial for a long-distance carrier.

I must admit I applaud them for their well-trained skills to deliver the advertising lines in one very big breath. It's like the end of some car commercials with the five-second rapid-fire requirements and vital information you really need to know but can't understand.

At the first notice of a pause, I squeezed in a "No, thanks" in reply to "this best deal of the year." However, she did not give up and proceeded to ask me if I am the decision maker of this household.

I felt the anger building up. How dare she question my authority and decision based on my voice?

Then she went off again talking in secret code and trying to break my cool. So I yelled into the phone that I had to do something more interesting than listening to her.

Oh, I don't know. Watch the paint dry. Wait in line to take a final. Get stuck in traffic on I-15 on a Friday night. Any of the above.

I thought there has got to be a first time to everything. Now I am proud to announce I have joined IHUPC, the "I Hung Up on People" club.

You know what? I feel surprisingly good. I have been Miss Polite on the phone for way too long.

Now I am liberated and I am not afraid to use the "off" button on my phone if needed. Just try me AT&T. I dare you.

TV movie 'Tuesdays' gets top ratings

Associated Press

CBS topped the ratings as the airwaves began filling with holiday specials last week, but ABC continued its hot streak even with "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" on hiatus.

"Tuesdays With Morrie," ABC's Sunday night movie based on the popular book about a hard-driving sportswriter and his philosophizing, dying friend, was last week's most-watched program, Nielsen Media Research said Tuesday.

For the week, CBS led the way with an average prime-time audience of 13.3 million viewers (8.8 rating, 14 share). ABC drew 12.7 million viewers (8.7 rating, 14 share), NBC had 11.4 million viewers (8.1, 13), Fox had 9.2 million viewers (6.1, 10).

UPN beat its rival, the WB network, for the first time this season on the strength of "Star Trek: Voyager" and two wrestling shows. UPN had 4.3 million viewers on average (3.0 rating, 5 share), the WB had 4 million (2.9, 4) and Pax TV had 1 million (0.7, 1).

CBS's evergreen holiday special, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," was the second most-watched program of the week even though it finished 18th in household ratings. That's an indication that many families watched the show together.

During a week that NBC's "ER" was airing a repeat, CBS's "JAG" was TV's most popular drama for the first time ever.

Fox's critically praised "Action" comedy went out with a whimper on the week it was canceled.

Its back-to-back episodes on Thursday were Fox's least-watched programs.

After CBS's animated reindeer, NBC's "Christmas in Rockefeller Center" was the most popular holiday program. Specials starring Garth Brooks and Rosie O'Donnell were hits, but one with Amy Grant was a ratings loser.

A rating point represents 1,008,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 100.8 million TV homes.

The share is the percentage of in-use televisions tuned to a given show.

For the week of Nov. 22-28, the top 10 shows, their networks and ratings were: "ABC Original Movie: Tuesdays With Morrie," ABC, 15.2; "NFL Monday Night Football: Green Bay at San Francisco," ABC, 13.1; "60 Minutes," CBS, 12.6; "JAG," CBS, 12.4; "CBS Wednesday Movie: The Test of Love," CBS, 12.3; "Frasier," NBC, 12.3; "Friends," NBC, 12.1; "Everybody Loves Raymond," CBS, 12.0; "NFL Monday Showcase," ABC, 11.4; "Judging Amy," CBS, 11.1.

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BYU center April Hayes battles for a loose ball in a game against Idaho State on Dec. 1 at the Smith Fieldhouse. The Cougars play at Nebraska tonight.

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Other recent BYU standouts include senior forwards, and co-captains, Jill Adams and Cady Williams. Both women scored in double digits in all of BYU's first three games.

Lori Cuff, senior forward, is back on the Cougars list as a probable starter after recovering from a knee injury earlier this season.

Cuff led the team with seven rebounds in her second game back against UC Santa Barbara.

Jazz hold off Mavericks late, pull out 6-point win

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - Once again, Karl Malone carried Utah in the fourth quarter. This time, the rest of the Jazz lineup seemed eager to help out.

Malone had 29 points and 10 rebounds and the Utah Jazz survived a fourth-quarter rally to beat the Dallas Mavericks 85-79 Wednesday night.

Bryon Russell added 13 points, and John Stockton and Jeff Hornacek each had 11 as Utah won its third in a row for the first time this season.

The Jazz led 62-51 after three quarters but Cedric Ceballos opened the fourth with three straight baskets for Dallas, including a three-pointer. Ceballos had 13 of his 19 points in the fourth period after going scoreless in the third.

The Mavericks trailed by as much as 12 points in the third but took a 69-68 lead with 7:25 to play when Ceballos scored on the break.

Hubert Davis hit from just inside the three-point line to make it 71-68 but Malone, who played 39 minutes, answered with a jumper that sparked a 7-0 burst, including a driving basket by Russell and a three-pointer by Stockton.

"I just played my minutes," Malone said. "They're calling more plays for me early. You always want to stay within the system."

Dirk Nowitzki scored 15 points, Shawn Bradley had 12 and Michael Finley scored 11 for the Mavericks.

Dallas shot 20 percent (4-of-20) in the third quarter, but it didn't matter after Nowitzki's three-pointer with 9:22 to play pulled the Mavericks within 66-63 and put some action into a slow-paced halfcourt showdown.

"One of the craziest games I've ever coached," said Dallas coach Don Nelson. "To be completely unable to make baskets in the third quarter and still be in the game, it was a really wacky game."

Ceballos tipped in a basket with 4:15 remaining to pull Dallas within 75-73 but the Mavericks didn't lead again.

"We went out there a little too casual and they started making their shots," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. "We had to have a really good finish to win the ball game. I thought we executed down the stretch."

Malone hit an 18-footer and Stockton found Russell for an open 21-foot jumper as the Jazz stretched the lead to 79-73 and got the Delta Center crowd involved for the first time all night.

"This will help us in the long run," Utah center Olden Polynice said. "When they took the lead, we came back aggressive. We found a fire that has been missing in the last few weeks."

Nowitzki made two free throws and scored on a fast break as the Mavericks closed to 79-77, but Stockton threw a backdoor bounce pass to Eisley with 1:28 remaining and then hit a running jumper from the top of the key with 54.8 seconds left as Utah held on down the stretch.

The Jazz shot 45 percent for the game, while the Mavs shot 35 percent.

"It was kind of a slow, ugly game," Hornacek said. "You have shots open all over the place. You just have to try to figure out which ones to take. You miss a couple and guys start thinking about it. Then you start missing more."

Notes: Utah's Adam Keefe played in the 500th game of his career, scoring eight points off the bench. ... Rick Hughes, a Dallas rookie who spent the preseason with the Jazz before being waived, had two points in 14 minutes. ... Utah had a 49-36 rebounding advantage, the 20th time the Mavericks have been outrebounded in the their last 21 games.

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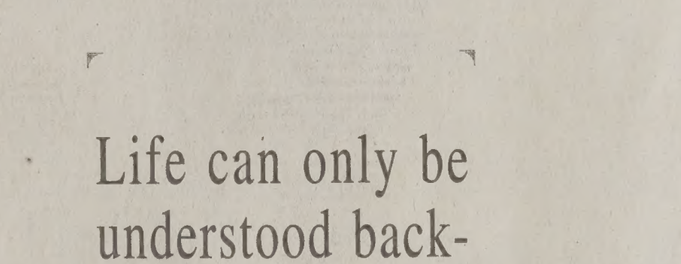

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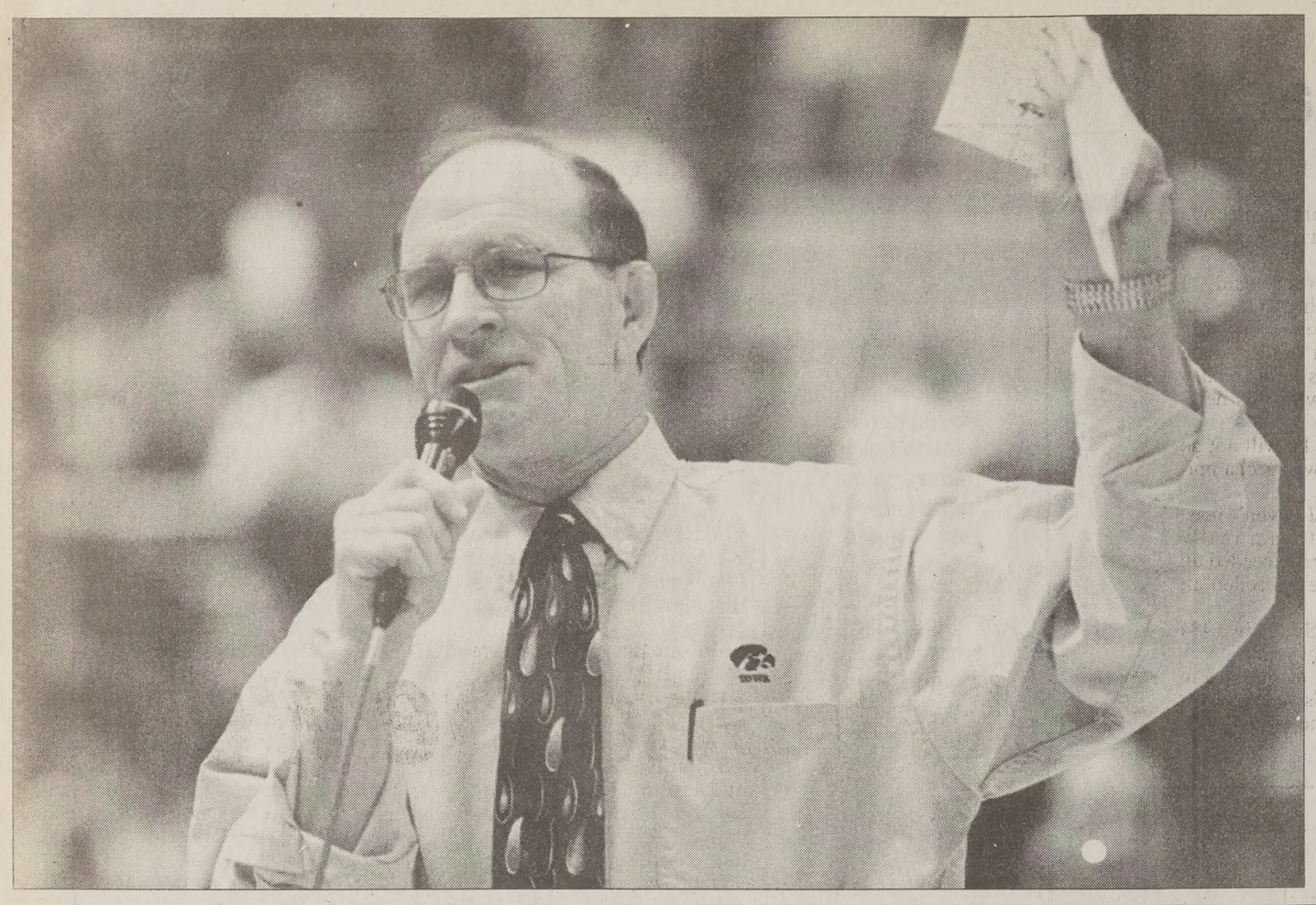

Legendary wrestler Dan Gable speaks to fans following Saturday's match between BYU and Iowa at the Delta Center. Gable's presence attracted more than 6,000 fans and has given many donators reason to help BYU's wrestling program.

Heidi Kerr/ Daily Universe

Weekend gives wrestlers hope

Schultz optimistic after meet; athletes hit phones for donations

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Call it Schultz's List.

BYU head coach Mark Schultz has grave concerns for the 23 young men in the wrestling program, which is scheduled to disappear after this season. Last April the university decided to cut BYU wrestling to appease a controversial interpretation of Title IX.

"I admit I'm selfish, I love hanging around these guys and I don't want to see them go," Schultz said. "They are the most fun, hard working, honorable men I've ever met."

Last weekend proved the mission to save Schultz's wrestlers and the program isn't over yet.

During the "Save Our Sport" match with the University of Iowa, The Utah Amateur Wrestling Association raised an estimated $30,000 to $40,000 to help BYU's cause.

Organization founder Ross Brunson said the turnout of 6,000 was reason to be optimistic.

"It was a big success," Brunson said. "Even though we didn't have as many people in attendance as hoped, I don't think there's been that many people at a single Utah meet in 10 years."

With the tally from this weekend's profits, the organization now has an estimated $1.5 million in cash and pledges. Brunson's group has acted as big brother to a BYU wrestling program many feel is being picked on.

Over two-thirds of collegiate wrestling programs across the country have been cut in the last two decades.

"We need to make people realize that wrestling embodies every positive value that America was built on," Olympic gold medalist Dan Gable told the match's audience Saturday night.

BYU athletic director Val Hale said the foundation would need to raise $7 million by March 31 of next year in order to save BYU's program

Besides the dollar amounts, this weekend's fundraising match also proved there are a variety of interests involved to save the wrestlers.

"I don't think people understand how much wrestling helps kids," said 12-year-old Clay Stevens of Sandy.

Gable, while signing Stevens' program, said he's just begun his mission to help save BYU wrestling.

"I've been very busy today talking with the press and public about BYU's cause and wrestling in general," Gable said. "And I'm not done. I hope everyone here leaves and does some talking as well."

After a weekend of pleading to the Utah public, Gable told Brunson he's ready "for the next step."

For Gable, an ambassador for the sport, the next step will be to keep talking. For BYU wrestlers and the sport's advocates in Utah, it means to continue their grass-roots fundraising.

"We really feel that this is possible," Brunson said.

Brunson and his organization will be contacting potential donors, asking them to make a pledge. Even the wrestlers themselves will be getting involved. Each wrestler was given a list of 30 names of wrestling alumni and has been asked to call them personally.

"They're doing everything they can in their human limits," Schultz said.

For now, hope seems to come in spurts. But they're not giving up.

"I have to be optimistic," Schutlz said. "There's no alternative."

Schultz also said he's worried about his wrestlers because, if the program is cut, they will have the dilemma of compromising their faith.

"I'll survive. But a lot of these kids came here because they want to get a good education in an LDS environment and not wrestle on Sundays," Schultz said.

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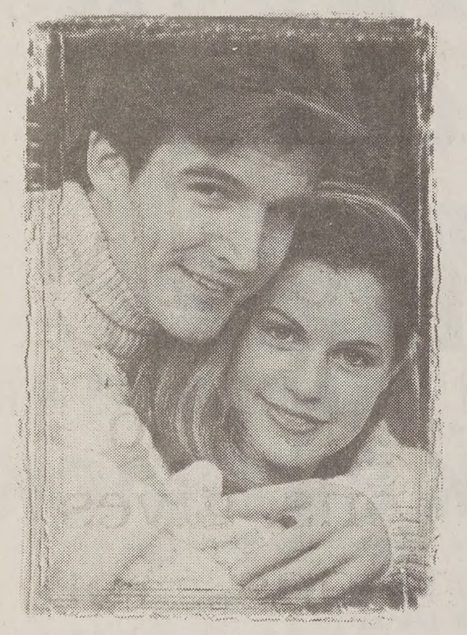
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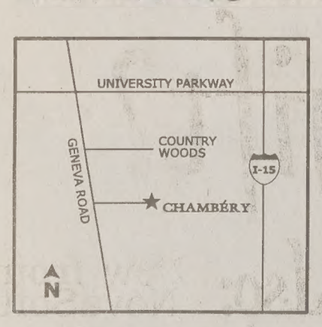

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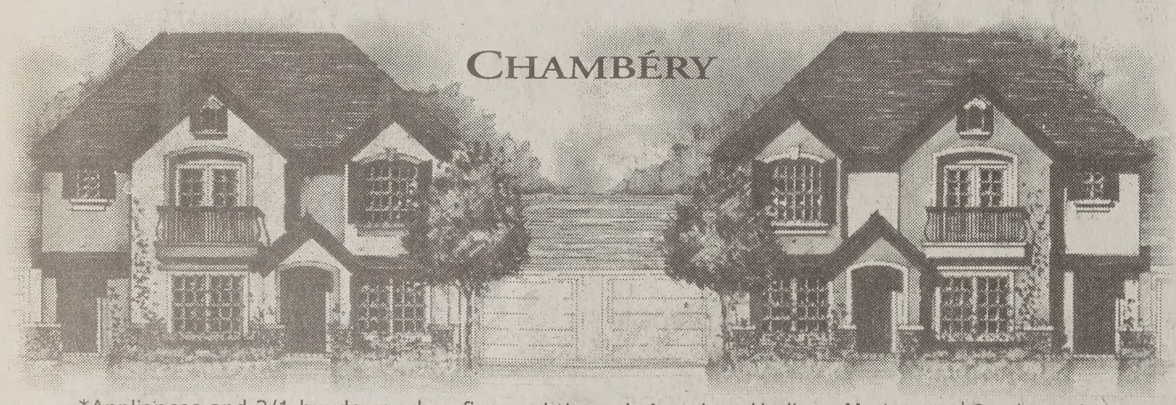

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...ELPHIA — Charles Barkley's farewell to ...ia might also have been his farewell to the ...

...cton Rockets forward ruptured a tendon in his ... first quarter Wednesday night and will need ...t could end his career.

...who says he is retiring after the season, was ...o block a shot by Tyrone Hill when he lost his ...d hit the floor hard with 4:09 left in the first. ...ed surgery and is "most likely" out for the ...ets spokesman Tim Frank said.

...y came in the city where Barkley transformed ...m a chubby kid into one of the best players in ...ry. It is where he also learned — as well as any ...r did — that the microphones and notebooks ...nded him every day were there for a reason.

...ask you a question and you tell the truth and ...say what they want you to say, you're outspo... ...troversial," Barkley said.

...got a lengthy ovation when he was introduced ... game, waving to the less-than-sellout crowd. ...ach Larry Brown asked the public address ... to stop talking so the cheering could continue. ...n even bigger ovation when he returned to the Rockets' bench on crutches with 1:34 left in the second quarter.

It has been some ride, filled with accomplishments, quagmires, feuds, controversy and the kind of blunt honesty that made Sir Charles such an original.

"I don't care how cocky you are," Barkley said. "I couldn't have believed that my life was going to turn out like this. You guys have seen me grow from a boy to a man. I did some good things, some great things, some stupid things, some funny things. Listen, as far as maturing, I've come full circle. I'm at peace with this decision."

Barkley, who will be 37 in February, says he will not go back on his word — even if he doesn't win a championship.

"I haven't won a championship because I haven't been on the best team," Barkley said. "But I am really extremely happy with my life. I think I have exceeded all my expectations. Let's be realistic, I have exceeded all you guys' expectations."

Barkley was drafted fifth overall by the Sixers in 1984 and led them to the playoffs six time in eight years.

Barkley's accomplishments on the court, as he likes to say, speak for themselves. No one Barkley's size has ever been so dominant inside; despite what the roster says, Barkley is only 6-foot-4 and seven-eighths.

...h hockey hit ...layer arrested

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...GO — Prosecutors have ...extraordinary step of charg... ...ear-old hockey player with ...ed battery for slamming ...y into the boards and leav... ...aralyzed.

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...tors said the charges are ... because the hit came sec... ... the final buzzer, indicating ...harm. But others said the ...e earlier and was part of the ...take of the game.

...hool sports officials nation... ...stunned and said they could ...no similar case involving a ...r. However, minor league ...layers have been hit with ...charges for on-the-ice vio...

...ne kind of precedent that ... the death knell for contact ... – at least youth contact ...said Jeffrey Steinback, the ...r the boy charged.

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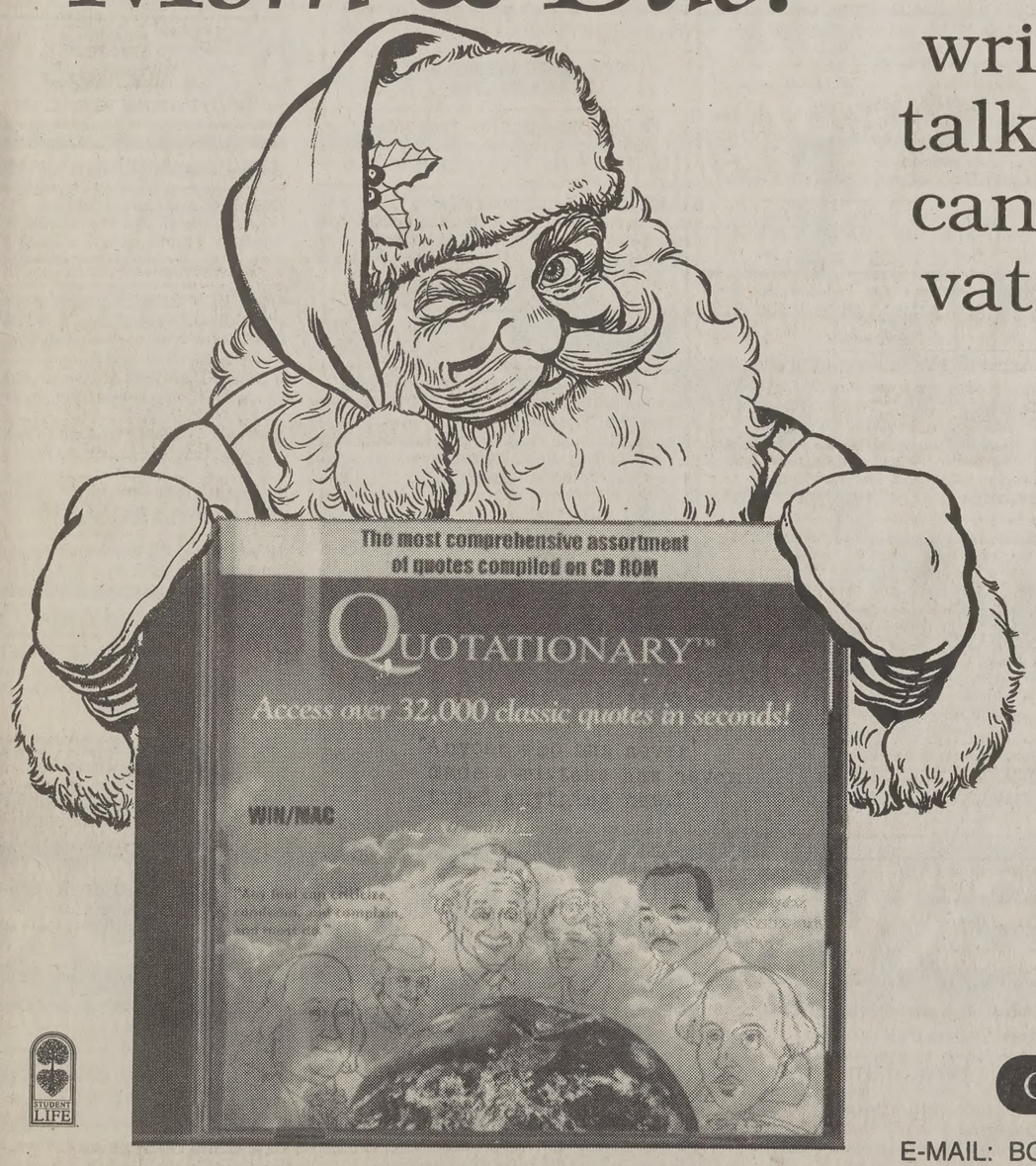
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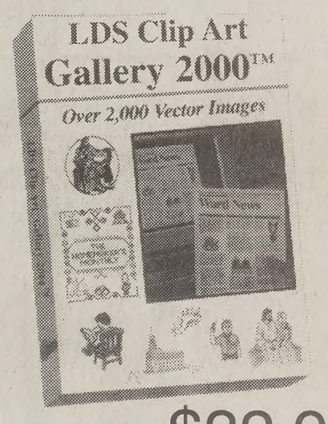

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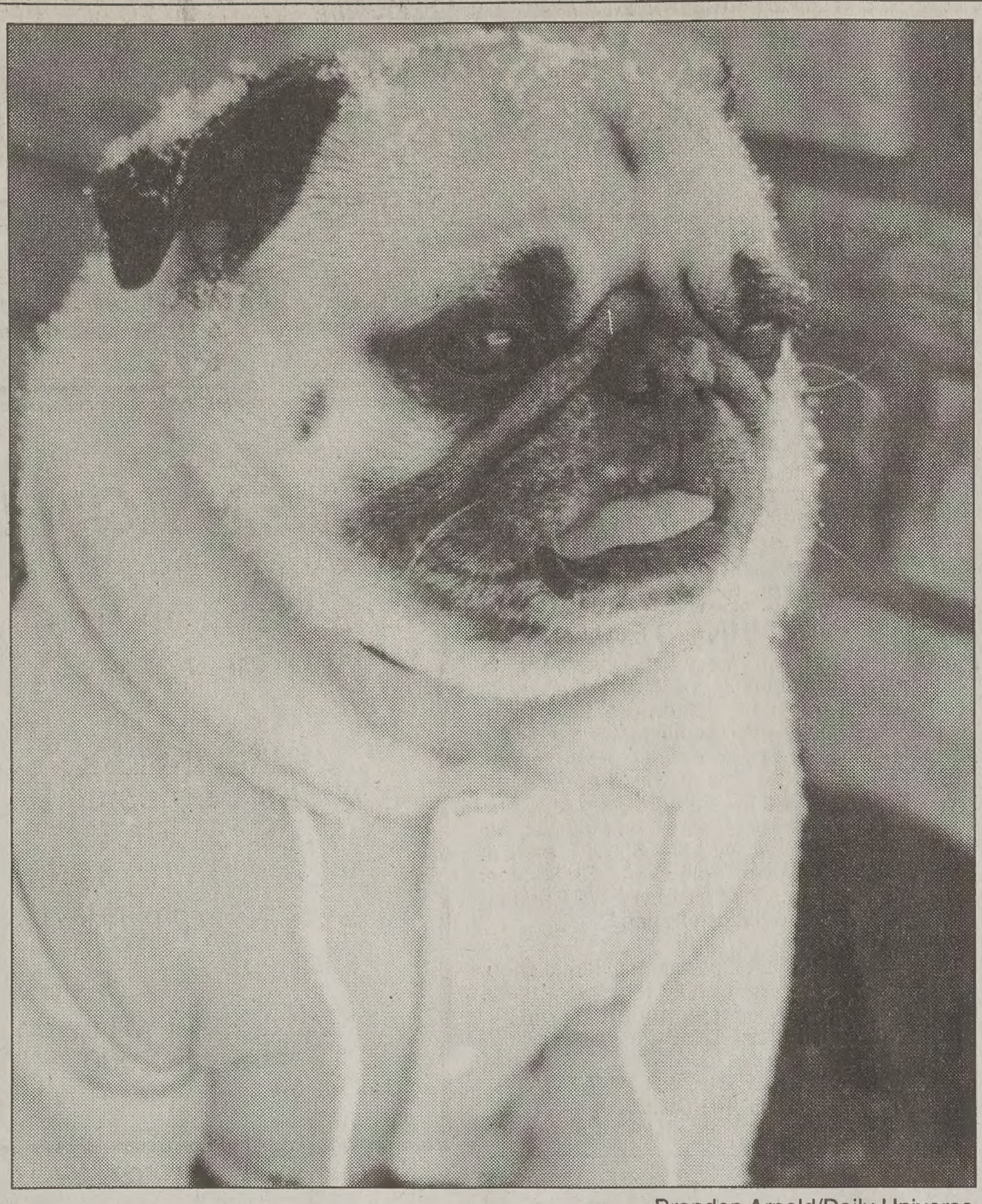

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Dog days of winter

This pug has a sweater to protect him from the cold weather. Temperatures have been hovering around freezing and will not improve much for this weekend as snow is in the forecast.

Jury rules on King conspiracy

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. -- A jury hearing a lawsuit filed by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s family found Wednesday that the civil rights leader was the victim of a vast murder conspiracy, not a lone assassin.

The King family had sued Loyd Jowers, a retired businessman who claimed six years ago that he paid someone other than James Earl Ray to kill King in Memphis in 1968. The family's lawyer claimed that the FBI, the CIA, the Mafia and the military were involved.

After three hours of deliberations, the jury of six blacks and six whites awarded the Kings just $100 in damages.

The family had asked for a token amount in the wrongful-death lawsuit because what they wanted most was for the jury to find evidence of a conspiracy and lend support to their call for a new investigation into the killing.

"I'm just so happy to see that the people have spoken," King's son Dexter said. "This is what we've always asked for."

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> *-- Dexter King, son of Martin Luther King Jr.*

Prosecutors have long dismissed the claim there was a conspiracy and said they are convinced Ray acted alone.

Ray confessed to shooting King and was sentenced to 99 years in prison. He spent the rest of his life claiming to be innocent and trying to get a trial. He died of liver disease last year.

Ray's guilty plea was upheld eight times by state and federal courts. A congressional committee concluded in 1978 that Ray was the killer but that he may have had help before or after the assassination. The committee did not find any government involvement.

William Pepper, the Kings' lawyer, told the jury that Jowers, 73, was part of a conspiracy involving the Mafia and federal agents to kill King because of his opposition to the Vietnam War and plans for a huge march on Washington.

In his closing argument, Pepper said the order to kill King came from the head of organized crime in New Orleans to a Memphis produce dealer who got Jowers to handle the payoff and murder weapon. An Army sniper squad was in place to shoot King if the Mafia hit failed, Pepper claimed.

Later, the FBI, CIA, the media, Army intelligence and state and city officials helped cover up the assassination, said Pepper, who also represented Ray in his efforts to get a trial. Pepper told the jurors they could rewrite history.

Juror David Morphy said he believed the assassination was too complex to be carried out by one person.

"We all thought it was kind of a cut-and-dried case, with the evidence that Pepper brought forth that there were a lot of people involved, everyone from the CIA, military involvement in it -- Jowers was involved in it, we felt," he said.

Utah school kicks out boy for writing 'people to kill' list

Associated Press

WEST JORDAN -- A sixth-grader drafted a list of 12 "people to kill" after enduring months of taunting from classmates and has been kicked out of school, administrators said.

The boy was indefinitely suspended last week pending a final decision by a panel of district administrators, said Kirk Denison, principal of Terra Linda Elementary School south of Salt Lake City.

Denison said the boy admitted he was "angry and frustrated" but denied he intended to actually kill the students on the list, who had bullied him and threw dog manure in his face. The boy's father complained to administrators that the boy had been harassed and beaten on the way home from school.

Police investigated but declined to file charges, according to Denison. West Jordan police did not return calls Wednesday.

Denison said it appeared the boy and his teasers often were equally at fault for name-calling conflicts and "just regular kid stuff."

Another student grabbed the list from the boy last Thursday and gave it to a teacher.

The boy's parents requested a hearing of administrators to make a final decision on his suspension, but no date has been set.

NASA weebles, wobbles but just won't fall down

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. -- A grounded space shuttle fleet. An international space station on hold. A crippled Hubble Space Telescope. Two failed Mars probes. One launch delay after another.

For NASA, this has been the worst year since the Challenger disaster in 1986.

The space agency has a chance to redeem itself with the shuttle Discovery's mission to save the Hubble, which is out of service until astronauts arrive with replacement parts. But Saturday's launch is on hold while NASA decides what to do about dented fuel lines. The flight is already two months late because of never-ending wiring problems.

Alex Roland, a former NASA historian who teaches at Duke University, said the string of launch delays and other problems have eroded public confidence in NASA. At the same time, he said he found it worrisome to see NASA going into a shuttle countdown amid such turmoil.

"You don't ever want external public or political pressure shaping your decisions about a mission. Unfortunately, that's exactly the position that NASA now finds itself in," Roland said Wednesday. "No matter how detached they attempt to be about the technical readiness to launch, they are sure to have all these other things in the back of their minds."

Back in the 1960's glory days of Apollo, NASA was the "can-do agency."

In only eight years, it put men on the moon. Despite all odds, it saved three astronauts from the cursed Apollo 13 in 1970.

Fast-forward to 1999: Money isn't nearly as forthcoming from Washington and NASA can't seem to do anything right.

Many observers suspect NASA's "cheaper, better, faster" policy may have doomed the two Mars spacecrafts. Far more frightening is the fact that NASA's backbone, the space shuttle program, has also had to get by on a tightened budget.

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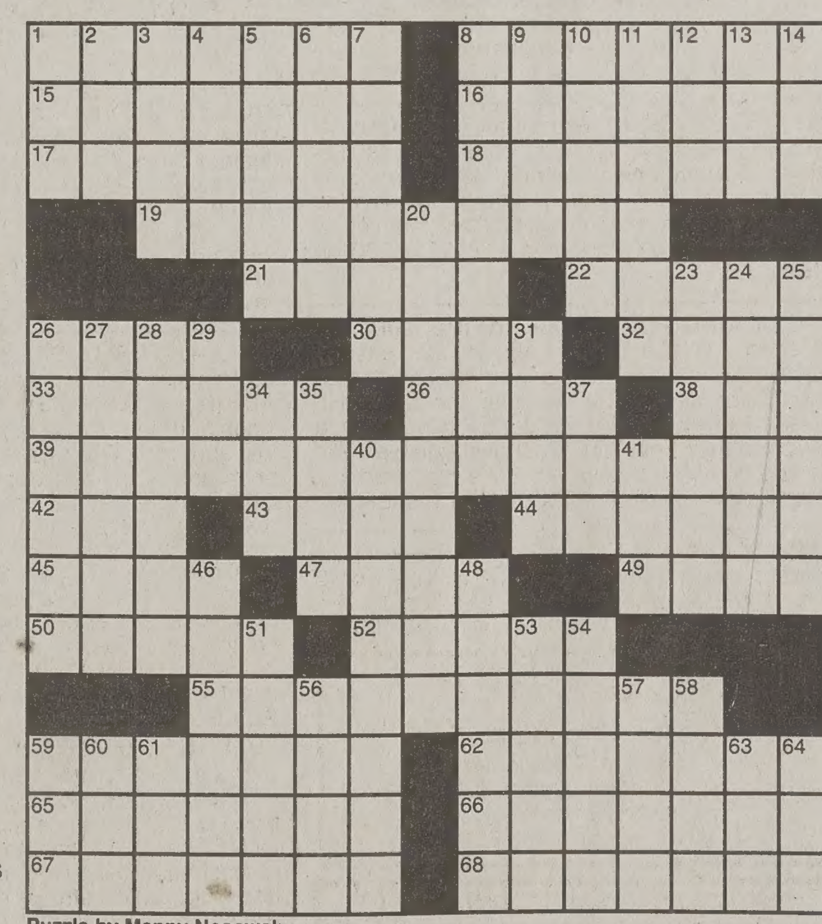

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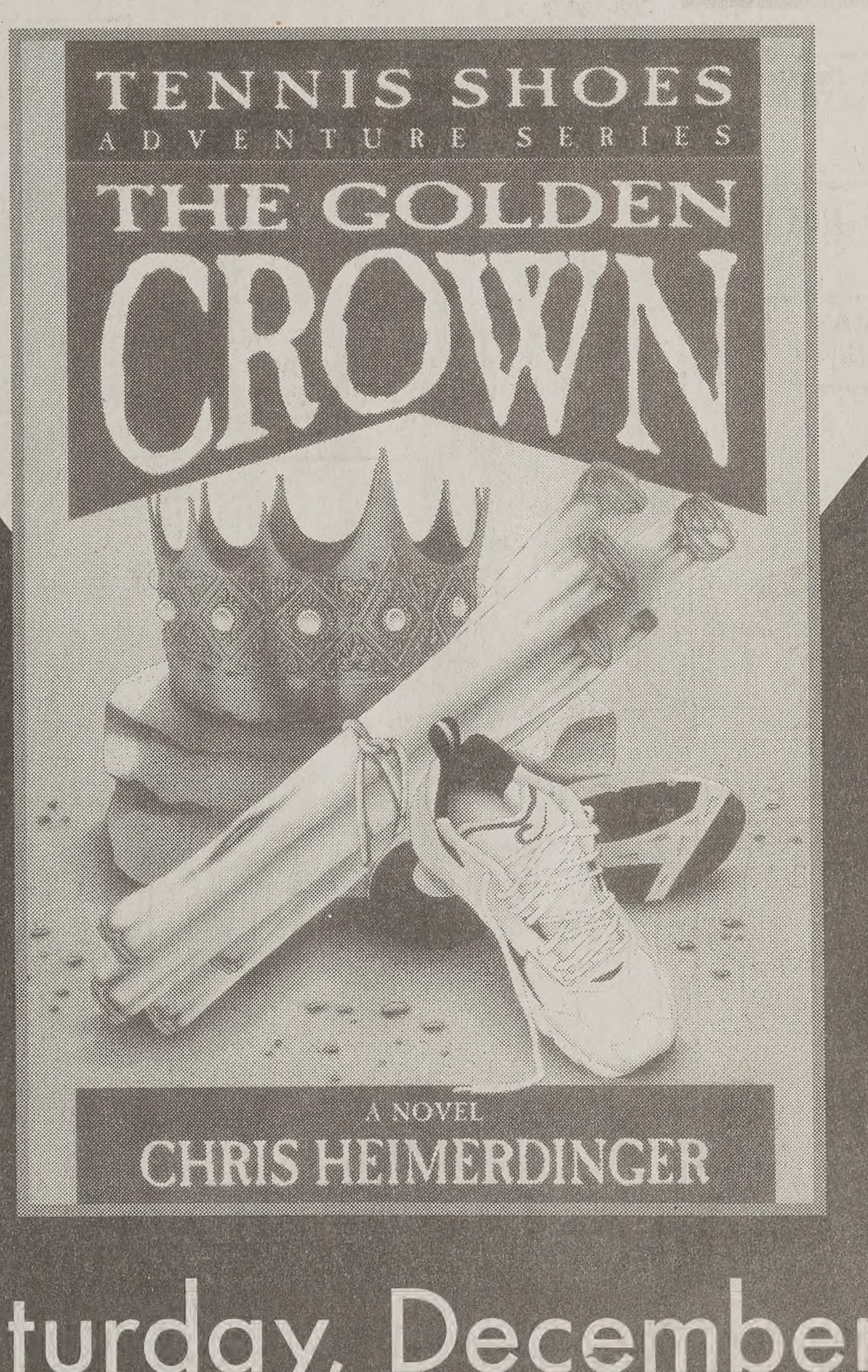

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Y2K ... No problem for Provo

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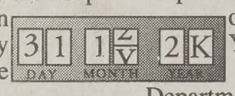
From the police station to the hospital, emergency staff in Provo are prepared for any problems that may arise with the new year.



The Provo police department is confident it will get through the new year without major problems, said Captain Keith Teuscher, public information officer for the Provo police.

"We will have as much man power out as possible," Teuscher said. "The officers will be making sure that everything works and that the public is safe," he said.

To ensure safety, the Provo Police Department will have extra officers on duty and on call New Year's Eve, Teuscher said.

However, the Provo Fire Department will have normal staffing on New Year's Eve, said Deputy Chief Clay Porter.

The department is anticipating no difficulties in connection to Y2K, but will have additional staff carrying pagers, Porter said.

There will also be additional staff at the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center to handle any problems brought on by the new year, said Anton Garrity, hospital spokesperson.

The maternity ward will probably be the most affected on New Year's Eve, Garrity said. People trying to have the "millennium baby" will be filling the rooms of the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center's new Women's and Children's Center. Couples may also want their babies born in 1999 for tax purposes, Garrity said.

"We don't anticipate any problems with hospital systems," Garrity said. "We have been working the last couple of years to be ready for this."

Five Y students build church time capsule

By DIANA VAN ORDEN
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The third in a series of Sunday School time capsules, a tradition dating back to 1899, was sealed by President Gordon B. Hinckley of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Wednesday afternoon in a ceremony in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building.

The time capsule, created by five BYU students, will be on display in the Joseph Smith Memorial Building for six months. It then will be on public display at an undetermined site on the church office building plaza until it is opened in April 2049.

Speaking of when the capsule will be opened, President Hinckley jokingly told the audience, "I'm looking forward to that occasion. I hope I'll be here at that time."

Also in attendance at the ceremony were members of the First Presidency, the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, the Sunday School general presidency and other general authorities and general auxiliary presidencies.

Elder Harold G. Hillam of the Seventy and Sunday School general president explained that the time capsule is not just about the Sunday School.

Hillam also explained the reason for the capsule's unique design as a titanium globe. "We all felt with the worldwide nature of the church, it would be appropriate for a world-wide sphere," he said.

Each member of the First Presidency also selected something special to include in the time capsule. President Hinckley chose to include a copy of the blueprint for the Nauvoo Temple restoration. President Thomas S. Monson selected Wednesday's copy of The Deseret News and a piece of the Berlin Wall as his artifacts to include. President James E. Faust picked a Portuguese copy of the triple combination to be placed in the capsule.

Other artifacts placed in the capsule included a piece of granite from the LDS Church's new Conference Center that broke off when a crane fell during a tornado that ripped through Salt Lake City, an African cloth made by a church member in Ghana, a box made of white marble used in the construction of the temples in Mexico, a piece of the foundation from the original Nauvoo Temple and a copy of the film Legacy.

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